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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-3382) b6
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (109-12) b7C
SUBJECT: CUBAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT
OF JULY 26, aka
FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA

Re Bureau airtel to Boston dated 3/31/60, a copy of which was furnished the Los Angeles and Chicago Offices, entitled, [REDACTED], IS-R."

On 6/21/60 [REDACTED] appeared in the Chicago office and was interviewed by SA GARRETT P. FLEMING. [REDACTED] stated that he would only be in Chicago for a short time and wanted to furnish a little information prior to "reporting to the Los Angeles FBI Office." [REDACTED] stated that his current residence is [REDACTED] however, in Chicago he was staying with [REDACTED] was advised that this Bureau would accept information which is of interest to the FBI.

At the outset of the interview, [REDACTED] stated that he has previously furnished information to Government agencies regarding domestic Communist activities. He stated that he desired to briefly furnish information to this office at this time and that he would make a full report concerning his activities upon his arrival in Los Angeles. He stated that he planned on leaving Chicago on 6/23/60 for Los Angeles, California, after he had completed his business in the Chicago area. [REDACTED] stated that on [REDACTED] he left Los Angeles en route to Havana, Cuba, at the invitation of [REDACTED]

- 4 - Bureau (RM)
(1 - 105-16742) [REDACTED]
2 - Los Angeles (info) (RM)
(1 - 105-1185) [REDACTED]
1 - Miami (97-139) (info) (RM)
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1 - Chicago 0-1 Chicago
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[redacted] as a political writer to observe the activities of the CASTRO regime. He stated that he arrived in Miami on [redacted] and departed Miami for Havana, Cuba, on [redacted] via the Cubana Airlines and checked into [redacted]. [redacted] stated that while in Miami he met [redacted] whom he described as the [redacted] July 20th Movement. He stated that he also met [redacted] and [redacted] who worked for the CASTRO "G-2." [redacted] stated that he was advised to direct all correspondence concerning Cuban activities to a post office box under the name of [redacted]. He added that he did not have the number of the post office box in his possession at that time.

[redacted] stated that while he did not have time to go into complete details at this time, he stated that he would like to advise of the fact that the Cuban Government is presently buying ships and is not registering these ships under the Cuban Government, but the registration is made under Honduras registration. He also stated that he learned that the CASTRO Government has ships available in the Miami area to transport passengers to Cuba, who are unable to depart Miami via commercial airlines.

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[redacted] also advised that a Cuban protest march in Los Angeles was held around 4/14/60, led by an individual with the last name of [redacted]. He stated that when [redacted] was interviewed by newspaper reporters in Los Angeles, he denied any connection with the CASTRO Government, however, when [redacted] was in Havana he learned that this individual was [redacted] Mantanza, Cardencas.

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[redacted] stated that he would furnish more detailed information concerning his Havana trip upon his return to Los Angeles. Upon questioning, [redacted] stated that he did not notify anyone when he departed for Havana in the interest of his own personal safety. Since he believed that if other individuals heard he was going to Havana, in view of his Communist background, his life might be endangered.

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During the entire interview, [redacted] was very vague in his answers to questions and was unable to furnish the name of the individual whom he contacted in the Los Angeles Office. He also, at times, was incoherent and jumped from one subject to another without having completed the complete story of the previous incident.

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For the information of the Miami Office, referenced Bureau airtel states that in the event any further pertinent information is received concerning the subject or [redacted] the Bureau should be advised, and the communication should bear the character of case appropriate to the information contained therein.

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For the further information of the Miami Office, the Boston Office advised by airtel dated 2/10/60 that [redacted] in 1957 was in contact with the San Francisco Division. The San Francisco Division by letter dated 3/6/58 stated that [redacted] had shown a tendency to exaggerate and manufacture information and since San Francisco had considered it undesirable to contact him as a PSI, a [redacted] was subsequently closed. Further, on 12/6/57 San Francisco received a letter from [redacted] stating he had written a letter to Central Intelligence Agency for transmittal to "Naval Intelligence" to report a "few scraps of information gleaned from our usual roustabouting concerning Naval matters." The San Francisco letter further states that [redacted], who calls himself a freelance writer, has been called a "crackpot" by an official of a publication to which he sent material. He has admitted writing to the Tass News Agency, "National Guardian," and the "Daily Worker." In 1950 he was rejected for military service on the grounds that he was a severe psychoneurotic.

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The above information is furnished to the Bureau and the Miami and Los Angeles Offices for information purposes and whatever action deemed advisable. In view of the background of [redacted], no further action is being taken concerning this matter by the Chicago Division.

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Director, FBI (97-3382)

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JULY 26th MOVEMENT - CHICAGO
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Re your investigation entitled, "Cuban Liberation Movement of July 26, aka, Foreign Political Matter - Cuba," and your correspondence of 1/30/61 and 2/2/61 entitled, "26th of July Movement, Internal Security - Cuba, Registration Act - Cuba."

Attempts to reactivate a local group of the July 26th Movement in Chicago should be followed closely and reported under the above caption. Subsequent activity of this local group should also be reported under this caption with investigative reports being submitted in nine copies to the Bureau at 45-day intervals. Activity requiring more expeditious handling should be submitted in letterhead memoranda form suitable for dissemination (Bufile - 97-3382; Chicago file - 109-12).

Activity pertinent to the national organization of the July 26th Movement should be furnished in letterhead memoranda form under the caption, "July 26th Movement, Internal Security - Cuba, Registration Act - Cuba" (Bufile - 109-551). Copies of such information should be furnished for information purposes to New York (109-81), WFO (97-4152), Philadelphia (97-215), and Miami (97-268), where centers of pro-Castro activity are located.

Individuals identified as being active in pro-Castro Cuban activities in Chicago should be made the subject of separate investigations and afforded consideration for early interview or recommendation for inclusion on the pro-Cuban Section of the Security Index in accordance with SAC letter 60-54 (F) dated 11/29/60. REC-50

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NOTE: Investigation at Chicago has indicated recent attempts to reactivate a July 26th Movement in that city. The group has been inactive since mid 1959 and the above information is being furnished to facilitate routing and handling of the mail at the Bureau and to insure information being furnished to interested offices.

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (109-12)

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Date: 2-7-61 by ELH/per

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Re Chicago teletype 1/30/61.

Enclosed are the original and 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum to the Bureau regarding activities of the 26th of July Movement in Chicago.

The source who furnished this information is [redacted] who is concealed out of necessity.

The memorandum is classified ~~confidential~~ because it contains information the unauthorized disclosure of which could reasonably result in the identification of the informant and impair his future effectiveness.

- 3 - Bureau (97-3244) (Encls. 9) (RM)
- 1 - Los Angeles (Info) (RM)
 - 1 - Miami (Info) (RM)
 - 1 - Newark (Info) (RM)
 - 6 - New York (RM) (109-81) (26TH OF JULY MOVEMENT)
 - (1 - 105-38838) ([redacted])
 - (1 - 97-1792) (FPCC)
 - (1 - 100- [redacted])
 - 2 - Philadelphia (RM) (97-215) (26TH OF JULY MOVEMENT)
 - (1 - 105- [redacted])
 - 1 - Washington Field (Info) (RM)
 - 11 - Chicago
 - (1 - 105-8711) ([redacted])
 - (1 - 105-8727) ([redacted])
 - (1 - 105-8823) ([redacted])
 - (1 - 105- [redacted])
 - (1 - 100-18080) (RICEHART CHILLY)

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(1 - 100-37454) (FPCC)
(1 - 105- [redacted]) (CHICAGO)
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(U) ~~(C)~~ [redacted] are the sources used to characterize the FPCC Chicago Chapter. The National FPCC is characterized by a public source.

The information contained in the attached letterhead memorandum has been paraphrased to protect informant's identity. More detailed information concerning the captioned subject matter will be disseminated locally and to interested offices by subsequent channelizing memorandum. The informant's original reports from which this information was extracted are located in Chicago file [redacted] ~~(C)~~

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Chicago, Illinois
February 2, 1961

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26TH OF JULY MOVEMENT
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

(U) A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 30, 1961, that [redacted] of the 26th of July Movement in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, arrived in Chicago on [redacted] 26th of July Movement in Chicago. (C)

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Upon his arrival in Chicago, [redacted]

Chicago. [redacted]

[redacted], however, he had made
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[redacted] but whose name he had received from [redacted]

[redacted] 26th of July Movement in the United States from New York City. Through [redacted] was able

after making [redacted] and

(U) [redacted] to proceed with the reorganization of the 26th of July Movement. (C)

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[redacted] at the [redacted] [redacted] in attendance. [redacted] opened the meeting by announcing that Fidel Castro, aware of the fact that the 26th of July Movement in Chicago supplied money and arms to his forces when he was fighting Batista, now wants the Chicago group to reorganize to spread propaganda favorable to his Cuban regime. [redacted] said the counter-revolutionaries are very vocal, are spreading lies about Castro's Cuba and are instilling fear in the Cubans residing in the United States. (C)

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[redacted] displayed a letter signed by [redacted] of New York [redacted] 26th of July Movement in Chicago. When asked how long he would remain in Chicago, [redacted] stated that he had orders from Cuba to [redacted]. He added that he was recently [redacted] and is presently receiving unemployment benefits. He said that he must be back in [redacted] to sign for his unemployment pay. [redacted] departed Chicago on [redacted] enroute to [redacted]. (C)

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[redacted] said he wanted [redacted] organization and he named [redacted] [redacted] Of these [redacted] only the [redacted] above appeared on the [redacted] in the possession of [redacted]. (C)

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[redacted] stated [redacted] would have to register with the United States government as an agent of a foreign principal (under provisions of the Registration Act). (C)

[redacted] then [redacted] Movement in detail. He said orders and directives for the [redacted]

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The copy for Cuba will be addressed to a residence address in Havana and not to the 26th of July Movement headquarters. [redacted] authorized [redacted] for the Chicago group, however, [redacted] are to be unmarked. (C)

[redacted] said each member of the organization will need [redacted] to be used as follows: (C)

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(U) [redacted]
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in Cuba. (C)

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(U) [redacted]
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(U) [redacted]
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of the Chicago Chapter. (C)

(U) [redacted] a week and [redacted]
[redacted] to indicate that [redacted]
[redacted]. (C)

[redacted] told this group that the national organization
[redacted] in New York City who are available to
[redacted] He said that
if any [redacted]
by the United States government (because of his activities
in the Movement), [redacted] Cuba and present

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(U) [redacted] said that if a
[redacted] is discovered in the Movement, [redacted]
[redacted] will be sent from
there [redacted]. (C)

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(U) [redacted] dues and identification
books [redacted]. He said that an additional
supply [redacted] "to someone who is not too
closely identified with the 26th of July Movement". This pre-
caution will be [redacted]. (C)

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(U) [redacted] said that [redacted] would appear in the Cuban newspaper "Revolucion" (C)

(U) [redacted] said he did much travelling to Washington, D. C., Miami, Key West, and New York. He also said he would be in [redacted] (week of February 1, 1961) (C)

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(U) [redacted] had in his possession [redacted] produced in Cuba depicting Cuban life under Castro in a favorable light. On [redacted] he indicated that [redacted] to as many persons as possible. [redacted] contacted [redacted] anti-Trujillo Dominican group in Chicago, who made [redacted] of individuals in Chicago [redacted] on the evening of [redacted] responded, the majority of whom were of Latin American decent, including [redacted] Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) of Cuban decent, and [redacted] who meet together [redacted] (C)

Richard Criley, a member of the State Committee, Illinois Communist Party (CP), [redacted] Chicago Chapter, 26th of July Movement, [redacted] Cuban revolution by disseminating propaganda favorable to the Castro government. He said there is nothing to fear from the United States government in working for Cuba because none of the activities of the 26th of July Movement are illegal. [redacted] announced a meeting of the Chicago Chapter FPCC scheduled for [redacted] for this affair.

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In discussing the FPCC, [redacted] praised the work of the organization and said that if the United States government [redacted] 26th of July Movement, [redacted] 26th of July Movement [redacted] of the FPCC. He said he knew [redacted] of the FPCC,

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and [] FPCC and the 26th of July Movement [] respectively - [] at the United Nations in New York. He also mentioned that there are [] 26th of July Movement in Philadelphia []. When [] was told that the best Cuban organization in Chicago was the FPCC, he agreed that the work of the FPCC [] Cuban community. He said he wanted to [] two organizations.

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The source advised that [] Richard Criley at the latter's residence on the evening of [], and [] FPCC and the 26th of July Movement. The source advised that [] and the source does not know if [] is aware of Criley's position in the CP. (X)

(U) During this meeting Criley [] of the Chicago Chapter, FPCC, [] President Kennedy protesting the government ban on travel to Cuba. Criley [] FPCC to [] but not be officially connected with it. He said he [] from among [], which would probably attract other signers. He said the [] that if the State Department is correct in its evaluation of Cuba, the government should not be afraid to permit Americans to go to Cuba and see for themselves the conditions existing there. However, if the State Department has been wrong then the American people have the right to visit Cuba to see for themselves the conditions existing in Cuba. Criley offered the opinion that if Americans are permitted to travel to Cuba, they may be effective in helping to change what he termed "an incorrect policy" toward that country. (X)

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The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Information concerning the National FPCC and the Chicago Chapter FPCC are attached hereto.

The source advised that [] and [] are current members of the Chicago Chapter of the FPCC.

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FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

The April 6, 1960 edition of the "New York Times", a daily New York City newspaper, carried a full page advertisement captioned "What is Really Happening in Cuba?" The article maintained that the United States press has made certain charges against Cuba which are not true and the Fair Play for Cuba Committee was organized to tell the truth about Cuba in the interest of fair play. The advertisement closes with a note which states "This public appeal for fair play for Cuba has the support of a group of thinking individuals holding a variety of political persuasions, representing no one but themselves, linked here by a single common concern for the overriding principle of justice, which is always an issue whenever partisan interests clash with simple truth."

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FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE
CHICAGO CHAPTER

A source advised in October, 1960, that the Chicago Chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) was formed during the summer of 1960 at Chicago, Illinois, under the direct guidance and leadership of RICHARD CRILEY, a member of the State Committee, Communist Party (CP) of Illinois. The Chicago Chapter, FPCC, maintains no headquarters at Chicago, but receives mail through Post Office Box 4555, Chicago 80, Illinois. Its meetings are held in public halls or homes of individual members.

A second source, in August, 1960, furnished a leaflet entitled, "What is Really Happening in Cuba?", distributed by the FPCC, Post Office Box 4555, Chicago 80, Illinois. The aims and purposes of the FPCC as set forth in this leaflet include the following: "To disseminate the truth, to combat untruth; to publish and distribute factual information which the United States mass media suppresses. In general, to contribute to foundations for peace, friendship and understanding between ourselves and the Cuban people." The leaflet reflects the FPCC plans to accomplish these aims: "By mailing of informational bulletins; organizing public meetings and forums; providing speakers, movies and slides for meetings of interested organizations; placing ads in newspapers; to visit Cuba and see for themselves what conditions really are."

The first source added that at a meeting of the Chicago Chapter, FPCC, held in Chicago on July 28, 1960, it was mentioned that the membership dues in the FPCC were \$5 per year and it was decided by those present at the meeting that payment of the \$5 dues would entitle one to dual membership in the national organization as well as the Chicago Chapter.

This same source advised that as of October, 1960, this Committee continued to exist, with the same aims and purposes and under the same direction.

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FROM SAC CHICAGO 301935

TWENTY SIXTH OF JULY MOVEMENT, IS-CUBA; RA - CUBA. RE CHICAGO, IL
TELETYPE JANUARY 27 LAST. [REDACTED]
AND OTHERS IN CHICAGO ON [REDACTED] LAST [REDACTED]
TWENTY SIXTH OF JULY MOVEMENT IN CHICAGO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF FIDEL CASTRO ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] MEETING ON [REDACTED] LAST AND
ELECTED OFFICERS. [REDACTED] DISSEMINATION
OF PRO CASTRO INFORMATION TO SPANISH SPEAKING COMMUNITIES IN
CHICAGO. [REDACTED] SAID ALL COMMUNICATIONS OF ORGANIZATION WITH
NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS FOR
THE JULY TWENTYSIXTH MOVEMENT IN NORTH AMERICA, WHOSE OFFICE
IS IN PRESIDENTIAL PALACE, HAVANA; HOWEVER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CUBA [REDACTED] GROUP ORGANIZED A
MEETING EVENING OF [REDACTED] LAST WITH [REDACTED] MOSTLY
SPANISH SPEAKING IN ATTENDANCE TO VIEW CUBAN MOTION PICTURES
SHOWN BY [REDACTED] THIS
MEETING WAS MET WITH MUCH ENTHUSIASM FROM THE PARTICIPANTS.

[REDACTED] TWENTY SIXTH OF JULY GROUP IN CHICAGO [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FPCC [REDACTED] FPCC
WOULD [REDACTED] TWENTY SIXTH OF JULY MOVEMENT

[REDACTED] TO SPANISH SPEAKING GROUPS. INFORMANT'S
IMPRESSION IS THAT THIS ORGANIZATION IS DESIGNED TO WORK IN
CUBAN COMMUNITIES IN UNITED STATES TO PARTIALLY FILL VACUUM (2)

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CREATED BY RECENT DIPLOMATIC BREAK. [REDACTED] CHICAGO
 [REDACTED] THIS DATE BY [REDACTED] FOR PHILADELPHIA.
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SAC, NY (100-143130)

NATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR
A MARXIST YOUTH ORGANIZATION
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(OO: New York)

NY 2957-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted] was in communication with [redacted] on 12/15/60. At this time [redacted] advised that [redacted] added that [redacted] further advised that they were planning to leave (probably for Chicago) on [redacted] and emphasized to [redacted] that [redacted] insisted he thought it would be very beneficial if he remained in NY, but arranged to meet [redacted] the next day to discuss it and "to weigh certain things."

[redacted] mentioned (apparently with reference to the Chicago Conference) that [redacted] from the 20th of July (movement) to appear there. [redacted] commented that [redacted] if they could get the 20th of July Movement [redacted] and promised that he would definitely see about this tomorrow.

The above conversation suggests to the NYO the possibility that [redacted] in either the National Organizing Committee for a Marxist Youth Organization or with the national leadership of the CPUSA, assigned to youth matters.

This is being submitted for the information of the Bureau and the Chicago Office.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
 - (1 - 100-) (JULY 20th MOVEMENT)
- 1 - Chicago (100-37723) (RM)
- 1 - NY (100-123255) (415)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (109-551)

DATE: 9/9/60

FROM : *JHG*
rec SAC, WFO (97-1368)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 03-20-2015 BY F46M82K40 ADG

SUBJECT: MOVIMIENTO 26 de JULIO (26th OF JULY MOVEMENT), aka
26th of July Movement in the United States
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ReBulet 8/18/60.

On 8/31/60, [redacted]
Registration Section, United States Department of Justice,
advised SA JOHN G. GOEDEL the following:

Amended forms were forwarded to [redacted] and
[redacted] of New York, Attorneys for the Registrant, on
7/26/60. At this time, the attorneys were advised that
it is necessary to list all units of the registrant, i. e.
"all branches and local units of the registrant and all
other component or affiliated groups or organizations."
Further, the persons listed as being in charge of these
units are also requested to file short form statements.

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On 8/8/60, the Registration Section received a
communication from [redacted] and [redacted] stating that as
soon as the information is collected they will list all
units of the registrant and will file short form statements
for the persons in charge.

WFO will make periodic checks with the Registration
Section of the Department and when available, furnish all
supplemental information to interested offices.

Three copies are being furnished to the Bureau
in the event the Bureau deems it advisable to furnish one
of these copies to Legat, Havana.

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② - Bureau
1 - Chicago (Info) *Rm*
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1 - Newark (Info) *Rm*
1 - New York (97-878) (Info) *Rm*
1 - Philadelphia (Info) *Rm*
1 - San Francisco (Info) *Rm*
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File No. 119-4679

REGISTRATION STATEMENT ABSTRACT

Registration No.: 1379

Date: 7/18/60

Cuban Liberation Movement (Movimiento 26 de Julio)

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REGISTRANT'S NAME: Movimiento 26 de Julio (26th of July Movement)

Address: 610 West 143rd Street, New York, New York

No. of employees: _____

Residence address: _____

Nationality: Business

If registrant is a partnership, names of partners; if a corporation or association, names of officers: _____ (FA-4)

Organizer (FA-4)

Public Relations (FA-4)

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PRINCIPAL (This for each one - use reverse side if necessary)

Name: Movimiento Revolucionario 26 de Julio

Address: Arroyo 27, La Habana, Cuba

Nationality: Cuban

Business: Political

AGENCY: Political movement

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TO : SAC, Chicago

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DATE: 1-25-68

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SUBJECT: Cuban Liberation Movement

V. July 26, 1968.

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- ☐ 2. Date ☐ letter ☐ submitted
☐ report ☐ will be submitted

- ☒ 3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted. Organization inactive in Chicago. All pertinent information has been reported. If further pertinent information received, report will be submitted at that time.

- ☐ 4. Status of investigation

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-3382)

DATE: 3/9/61

FROM : SAC, WFO (97-1028)

SUBJECT: 26th OF JULY MOVEMENT IN CHICAGO
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On 3/8/61, [REDACTED] Registration Section, Internal Security Division, USDJ made available the registration file for Movimiento 26 De Julio (26th of July Movement) which contained a Short Form Registration Statement (SFRS) dated 2/26/61, filed 3/7/61, for BERNARDINO SANCHEZ.

The SFRS contained the following pertinent info:

BERNARDINO SANCHEZ who is also known as AURELIO BERNARDINO SANCHEZ PARRADO, was born 12/14/13, Camaguey, Cuba. He resides at 3129 W. Fullerton Avenue. His business address is 3200 S. Kilbourn Avenue. SANCHEZ is a Cuban citizen and has visited Cuba to see his relatives from 2/9/59 to 2/27/59, and 7/9/60 to 7/16/60.

The SFRS also reveals that SANCHEZ has been Treasurer of the 26th of July Revolutionary Movement, 3930 W. Wilcox for two years and as such has presided at meetings of the organization and is the person generally in charge of organization work in Chicago, Illinois.

The above is furnished for the investigative assistance of the Chicago Division.

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Reporting Office CHICAGO	Office of Origin CHICAGO	Date 3/22/61	Investigative Period 1/3 - 3/17/61
TITLE OF CASE JULY 26th MOVEMENT OF CHICAGO		Report made by SA JAMES F. BONNER	Typed By: Plb
		CHARACTER OF CASE IS - CUBA; REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA	

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Chicago dated 2/21/61.

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MIAMI, NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA and WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICES - INFORMATION

Information copies of this report are being furnished the Miami, New York, Philadelphia, and Washington Field Offices in view of the interest of those offices in the national activity of the July 26th Movement.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Continue to follow and report the activities of the July 26th Movement in the Chicago area, noting that the Chicago Office is requesting Bureau authorization to interview reported members of subject organization in effort to obtain informant coverage. Numerous interviews have been

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conducted under SAC authority, where appropriate, and such interviews will be continued with this objective in mind.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The following individuals mentioned in instant report are subjects of individual case files in the Chicago Office and have been reported to be members of the July 26th Movement:

AURELIO BERNARDINO SANCHEZ
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Chicago File 105-8823

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Chicago File 105-8727

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Chicago File 105-9490

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This report has been classified ~~confidential~~ in view of the fact that it contains information, the unauthorized disclosure of which would tend to reveal the identity of a source of continuing value.

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INFORMANT

Source

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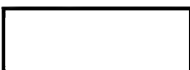
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The following ~~confidential~~ informants were used to characterize the organizations appearing in the latter pages of instant report and are identified as follows:

Source



Public Source Material

Organization

Fair Play for Cuba
Committee (Chicago Chapter)

Fair Play for Cuba
Committee (National)

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Report of: SA JAMES F. BONNER
Date: MARCH 22, 1961

Office: CHICAGO

Field Office File #: 109-12

Bureau File #: 97-3382

Title: JULY 26th MOVEMENT OF CHICAGO

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis: Registration: Records, Registration Section, USDJ, re July 26th Movement reflect Short Form Registration Statement dated 2/26/61, filed 3/7/61, for BERNARDINO SANCHEZ, Aka., born 12/14/13, Camaguey, Cuba, listing him as person generally in charge of organization's work at Chicago. Origin and Connection with Cuba: Subject organization reorganized at Chicago on 1/29/61, by [redacted] who stated reorganization instituted on orders of FIDEL CASTRO. [redacted] stated a copy of communications from Chicago Branch of subject organization to New York Headquarters should be furnished to Havana, Cuba, for [redacted] [redacted] External Affairs for the July 26th Movement in North America. Meetings: Reorganization meeting held same date attended by approximately 70 persons. Organization and Officers: Organizational procedure and identities of officers set forth. Finances: Finances in excess of income to be forwarded to Headquarters of subject organization at NY. Cooperation With Other Groups: Subject organization to have unofficial liaison with FPCC.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Communist Party, USA (CP) mentioned hereinafter in this report has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The following organizations which have not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450 are characterized in the latter pages of this report.

Fair Play for Cuba Committee
(Chicago Chapter)

Fair Play for Cuba Committee
(National)

I. REGISTRATION

On March 8, 1961, [] Registration Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, made available the registration file for the July 26th Movement (Movimiento 26 de Julio) which contained a Short Form Registration Statement (SFRS) dated February 26, 1961, and filed March 7, 1961, for BERNARDINO SANCHEZ. The SFRS contained the following pertinent information:

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BERNARDINO SANCHEZ, who is also known as AURELIO BERNARDINO SANCHEZ PARRADO was born December 14, 1913, at Camaguey, Cuba. He resides at 3129 West Fullerton Avenue. His business address is 3200 South Kilbourn Avenue. SANCHEZ is a Cuban citizen and has visited Cuba to see his relatives from February 9, 1959, to February 27, 1959, and again from July 9, 1960, to July 16, 1960.

The SFRS also reflected that SANCHEZ has been treasurer of the 26th of July Revolutionary Movement, 3930 West Wilcox, for two years and as such has presided at meetings of the organization and is the person generally in charge of organization work in Chicago, Illinois.

II. ORIGIN AND CONNECTIONS WITH CUBA

On January 3, 1961, CG T-1 advised [redacted] that the FPCC [redacted] Cuba from December 23, 1960, to January 3, 1961. Source stated that [redacted] Cuba [redacted] a Cuban Government official [redacted] Department of External Relations for North America for the July 26th Movement. Source [redacted] [redacted] Chicago Chapter of the FPCC with [redacted] Cuba for dissemination in the Chicago area and other propaganda activities.

Source stated that [redacted] and telephone number of [redacted] of New York City, [redacted] the July 26th Movement in the United States. Source stated [redacted] and have [redacted] in the near future.

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CG T-1 advised that as of December, 1960, [redacted] was a member of the CP of Illinois and [redacted] FPCC, Chicago, Illinois.

On January 23, 1961, CG T-1 advised [redacted] recently contacted an individual named [redacted] in Chicago after being instructed to do so by [redacted] and advised [redacted] that he was sending someone to Chicago on [redacted] to contact [redacted]

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On January 27, 1961, CG T-1 advised [redacted] July 26th Movement in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, that [redacted] was planning to travel from Philadelphia to Chicago [redacted] to meet with [redacted] and that he also intended to confer with BERNARDINO SANCHEZ and [redacted]

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On January 31, 1961, CG T-1 advised that a meeting was held by [redacted] July 26th Movement in Chicago. Source advised that at the meeting, [redacted] indicated [redacted] FIDEL CASTRO, Prime Minister of Cuba. Source advised that [redacted] also indicated that all [redacted] July 26th Movement, [redacted] July 26th Movement, must [redacted] being designated for [redacted] External Affairs for North America for the July 26th Movement, whose office is in the Presidential Palace, Havana, Cuba.

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III. MEETINGS

On January 31, 1961, CG T-1 advised that [redacted] July 26th Movement in Philadelphia, [redacted] for the [redacted] July 26th Movement in Chicago.. Source advised [redacted] Chicago Branch of the July 26th Movement [redacted] meeting.

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Source further advised that a meeting was organized for the evening of [redacted] which was attended by approximately [redacted] Cuba, which he had brought with him from Philadelphia.

The following information was furnished on January 31, 1961, by CG T-1 and is based on statements made by [redacted] at meetings held at Chicago on [redacted], which were mentioned above:

IV. ORGANIZATION AND OFFICERS

[redacted] stated that [redacted] Chicago Branch of the July 26th Movement, which he designated as [redacted]. He stated [redacted] all the decisions but only [redacted] would be registered with the Federal

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Government as an agent of a foreign principal. He stated [redacted] July 26th Movement would come from Cuba. He stated that New York will be the headquarters in the United States. He further stated that [redacted] in Havana, Cuba, [redacted] and that [redacted] of New York [redacted] July 26th Movement in the United States. He further stated that orders from Cuba would take precedence over orders from New York.

[redacted] designated the [redacted] the Chicago Branch of the July 26th Movement:

Co-ordinator

BERNARDINO SANCHEZ

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[redacted]
[redacted]
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V. STATED AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

[redacted] stated that FIDEL CASTRO was aware of the fact that the July 26th Movement in Chicago had sent him money and arms when he was fighting the former Prime Minister of Cuba, FULGENCIO BATISTA, and now desires that the Chicago Branch of the July 26th Movement be reorganized to disseminate propaganda favorable to his regime.

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VI. FINANCES

[redacted] stated that the Chicago Branch of the July 26th Movement [redacted]. He stated any [redacted] will be sent to New York. He further stated that [redacted] will have to [redacted] as well as all [redacted] the Chicago Branch.

VII. COOPERATION WITH OTHER GROUPS

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On January 30, 1961, CG T-1 advised that at a meeting in Chicago on [redacted] the July 26th Movement in Philadelphia, stated that the July 26th Movement in Chicago [redacted] FPCC.

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In Reply, Please
Refer to File No.
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JULY 26th MOVEMENT OF CHICAGO
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent James F. Bonner dated and captioned as above at Chicago.

All informants utilized in referenced report have furnished reliable information in the past.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (109-551)

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ReBulet to New York dated March 31, 1961, requesting information regarding extent of coverage of the July 26th Movement and Chicago letter dated April 7, 1961.

Referenced Chicago letter pointed out that the 26th of July Movement was reactivated in Chicago January 28 - 29, 1961, when [redacted] Philadelphia July 26 [redacted] leading Cuban members of the Chicago Chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC), and that at that time (April 7, 1961) the membership of the movement consisted

[redacted] all of whom were members of the FPCC. During the past month, [redacted] FPCC in Chicago, [redacted]

the 26th of July Movement nor have they developed any information regarding any activities by the organization.

I. Established Sources and Informants (Cuba)	<u>Total</u>
	<u>2</u>

A. [redacted] (Chicago file [redacted] Bureau file [redacted] of the FPCC [redacted] the 26th of July group as well as [redacted] West Side Branch of the FPCC. Informant continues to be in a position to furnish information regarding the movement [redacted] meetings of the FPCC [redacted] of the FPCC, where activities of the 26th of July group would be brought to light.

B. [redacted] (Chicago file [redacted] Bureau file [redacted], South Side Branch [redacted]

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of the FPCC. Through association with [redacted]
[redacted] and BERNARDINO SANCHEZ (leader
of the Chicago group), and [redacted]
[redacted]

the FPCC, the informant has been in a position to furnish
information regarding any activities of the movement.

II. Potential Sources of Information	<u>Total</u>
(no change)	<u>3.</u>
III. Members of July 26th Movement	0
Interviewed During Last Month	

Chicago will continue to afford strenuous efforts to
be apprised of pertinent activity of the 26th of July
Movement.

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ReBulet to New York dated 3/31/61 requesting
extent of coverage of recipient Offices of captioned movement.

It should be noted the movement was reactivated
in Chicago on the week end of 1/28-29/61 when [redacted]
[redacted] movement in Phila-
delphia, [redacted] Cuban members of the Fair
Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) [redacted]
[redacted] Informant, [redacted] Communist Party
(CP) and the FPCC, [redacted]
[redacted]; however, CP members [redacted]
[redacted]. To date, the membership of the movement consists
of [redacted]
[redacted] are members of the FPCC. Through
[redacted] FPCC, this informant was
able to furnish up-to-date information regarding captioned
movement. [redacted]
[redacted] meetings
and activities of the FPCC.

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On 3/24/61, [redacted]
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meet [redacted] and through such connection is still in
a position to furnish information regarding activities of
the movement.

[redacted] was the best source of information
Chicago had regarding the movement; however, Chicago is

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actively preparing other informants and sources for assignment in the movement. The following is Chicago's present situation:

I. Established Sources and Informants (Cuba),	<u>Total</u>
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A. [redacted] (Chicago file [redacted]; Bureau file [redacted] the FPCC. and [redacted] of the movement as well [redacted] FPCC. Informant has been in a position to furnish information regarding the movement [redacted] as well as through [redacted] meetings of the FPCC in which activities of the movement were brought to light.

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B. [redacted] (Chicago file [redacted]; Bureau file [redacted] the FPCC. Through [redacted] and BERNARDINO SANCHEZ (leader of the movement) [redacted] of movement activities held in conjunction with those of the FPCC, he has been able to furnish information regarding activities of the movement.

II. Potential Sources of Information	<u>Total</u>
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The following are in the stage of development as a PSI: 3

A. [redacted], also known as [redacted] who has been interviewed and an initial investigation instituted prior to requesting Bureau authority to designate [redacted] [redacted].

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Informant [redacted] and it is anticipated that when developed as a [redacted] [redacted] FPCC as well as the movement.

B. [redacted] who has in the past been associated with other Latins in the Chicago

area involved [redacted]
was requested [redacted] but
told [redacted] professes
to be anti-CASTRO and has exhibited a willingness to cooperate.

C. [redacted] employed as a
[redacted] at the [redacted] who attended
meetings of the movement prior to the CASTRO revolution.
He professes to be anti-CASTRO and indicated a willingness
to cooperate if possible. He appears to be an intelligent
individual and exhibits a temperament unlike that of many
Latins who find it difficult to conceal their feelings
when they are confronted with a situation in which they do
not believe. It is believed [redacted] bears the greatest
potential as a PSI as any under consideration for develop-
ment by the Chicago Office. He will be brought along steadily
and Bureau authority to develop will be requested after initial
investigation has been completed.

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In addition to the above, Chicago has developed
neighborhood sources. the most productive one being [redacted]
[redacted] He has been able
to furnish information regarding [redacted] his
movements, and the attendance of groups of people [redacted]
[redacted]

III. Members of July 26th Movement Interviewed During Last Month

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[redacted]
(Bureau file 105-95068)

(a) Cooperative and having potential as
source

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(b) Having no informant or source
potential

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(c) Uncooperative

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Chicago will continue to afford strenuous efforts
to be apprised of pertinent activity of the 26th of July
Movement.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA JAMES F. BONNER dated 3/22/61
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FIELD OFFICES - INFORMATION

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in view of the interest of those offices in international activity
of the July 26th Movement.

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to follow and
report the activities of the July 26th Movement in the Chicago
area noting that the Chicago Office is requesting Bureau
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In accordance with Foreign Assets Control memo 7-11-60 confirming its request for reports concerning certain pro-Castro individuals and organizations, the following reports were sent to [redacted] Enforcement, Foreign Assets Control, Treasury Department, on the dates indicated:

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[redacted]	1	2-1-61	Newark
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July 26th Movement-Philadelphia	53	2-6-61	Philadelphia
[redacted]	7	2-7-61	Philadelphia
[redacted]	20	3-9-61	New York
[redacted]	3	3-1-61	New York
[redacted]	1	3-1-61	Los Angeles
[redacted]	1	2-29-61	Los Angeles
[redacted]	1	3-9-61	Chicago
Professional Committee to Work for Re-Establishment of Trade with and Travel to Cuba	1	3-19-61	New York
1 - 105-95088 [redacted]	1 - 105-96812 (Com. for Trade with Cuba)		
1 - 105-87490 [redacted]	1 - 105-96768 [redacted]		
1 - 97-3938 (7-23-E, PH)	1 - 105-33809 [redacted]		
1 - 105-93791 [redacted]	1 - 97-3382 (7-23-E, CG)		
1 - 97-4037 [redacted]	1 - 105-95325 [redacted]		
1 - 105-93810 [redacted]	1 - 105-95223 [redacted]		
1 - 105-96238 [redacted]	1 - 105-97611 [redacted]		
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July 26th Movement-Chicago	58	4-3-61	Chicago
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Treasury has indicated it is considering freezing the assets of Cuban agents in the United States.

ACTION:

For record purposes.

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organization in an effort to obtain informant coverage. Numerous interviews have been conducted under SAC authority where appropriate and such interviews will be conducted with this objective in mind.

ADMINISTRATIVE

One copy of this report is being disseminated to Immigration and Naturalization Service, Chicago, because of its interest in captioned organization.

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INFORMANTS

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DOCUMENTATION OF ORGANIZATIONS

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Organization

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REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis: [REDACTED] of the July 26th Movement in Chicago, was in contact with [REDACTED] of New York regarding the registration of BERNARDINO SANCHEZ as leader of the Chicago Movement. Chicago Movement has divided into the North Side, South Side, and West Side Sections. The Movement plans to send money and clothing to Cuba to assist in building schools and providing clothing for the poor.

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DETAILS:

The Communist Party, USA (CP, USA) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The following organizations, which have not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450, are characterized in the latter pages of this report:

Fair Play for Cuba Committee, Chicago Chapter

Fair Play for Cuba Committee, National

July 26th Revolutionary Movement

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I. ACTIVITIES

At a general membership meeting of the Chicago Chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) held [redacted] at the Oak Room, Hotel Hamilton, [redacted] and BERNARDO SANCHEZ were introduced as officers of the revitalized 26th of July Movement of Chicago.

(CG T-1, 2/6/61)

On [redacted] the July 26th Movement announced at a meeting of the Executive Council of the Chicago Chapter of the FPCC held at 5715 South Blackstone Avenue, that the July 26th Movement is just getting under way with its paper work, that is, signing up members, and that he knows of no public events being planned as of that date.

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(CG T-2, 2/16/61)

On [redacted] meeting of the Chicago Chapter of the FPCC was held at JOHN ROSSEN's apartment at 5715 South Blackstone Avenue. The meeting opened with a discussion concerning possible disturbances at a forthcoming FPCC meeting to be held [redacted]. ROSSEN announced the July 26th Movement is [redacted] opponents of the FPCC [redacted] ROSSEN added that

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the July 26th Movement [redacted] However, he thought they would be able to [redacted]

(CG T-1, 2/20/61)

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On December 5, 1958, CG T-3 advised that JOHN ROSSEN in 1956 was a member of the Loop Section of the CP of Illinois.

On August 1, 1960, CG T-1 advised that JOHN ROSSEN on July 28, 1960, was elected Chairman of the FPCC, Chicago Chapter.

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On [redacted] the Executive Council of the Chicago Chapter of the FPCC met at the home of JOHN ROSSEN, 5715 South Blackstone Avenue. ROSSEN announced he received [redacted] July 26th Movement in Philadelphia. [redacted] in Cuba and have [redacted]

[redacted] by ROSSEN are as follows: [redacted]

[redacted] ROSSEN said he planned to have a benefit performance at [redacted] July 26th Movement in April or May, 1961. He plans to [redacted] [redacted] referred to above.

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(CG T-1, 2/17/61)

On [redacted] [redacted] was in contact with [redacted] 26th of July Movement of New York City. He requested information concerning the legal implications concerning the registering of BERNARDINO SANCHEZ. [redacted] coordinator of the 26th of July Movement in Chicago, [redacted] pointed out to [redacted] that BERNARDINO was previously registered, however, he did not know whether it was necessary for him to register every year. [redacted] told him it is necessary for BERNARDINO to register every 6 months. He advised he would resolve this matter with [redacted] of the results.

[redacted] mentioned to [redacted] that he had received [redacted] from his office in New York. [redacted] instructed [redacted] to [redacted] also instructed [redacted] of expenses

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for propaganda purposes, as those are his instructions from Cuba. [redacted] BERNARDINO everything and to [redacted] that [redacted], he should just put 26th of July Movement, Chicago, and on [redacted] the following: "A copy of this is in Washington". He said when the people see this propaganda, they will know that BERNARDINO is registered as a foreign agent.

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The West Side Section of the 26th of July Movement met in [redacted], at the home of one [redacted], [redacted], attended by approximately [redacted] nearly all of whom were Cubans.

The meeting was held by a Cuban, (FNU) [redacted], the same individual [redacted] membership booklets.

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A party to commemorate the 26th of July was discussed. [redacted] advised [redacted] the FPCC, who will participate jointly with the 26th of July group to work out details of the affair. It was suggested [redacted] the FPCC [redacted] a couple of months ago, as the manager of the hall was pro-CASTRO. [redacted] stated they had to be careful [redacted] because after the announcements and notices were all printed, the FBI might move in and cancel their reservations and they would be left "holding the bag". The general assembly of the 26th of July group would be held in the near future to settle the plans for this commemorative party. A committee of three men was named to work on arrangements for this party.

[redacted]
[redacted] for the 26th of July Movement and new members were instructed to contact [redacted] [redacted] in the booklets.

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The 26th of July Movement is divided into the North Side Section, the South Side Section and the West Side Section. At this meeting of [redacted] some of which may have been collected from other individuals and turned in at the meeting.

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[redacted] advised the group at the meeting that [redacted]
[redacted] Cuba are [redacted], in New York City, and then [redacted]
[redacted] for transmittal to Cuba. No New York City address
for [redacted] was mentioned.

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[redacted] stated to have been received the same day,
[redacted] Cuba, [redacted]
over the signature of (FNU) [redacted] asked the July 26th members
[redacted] Cuba [redacted]. The letter
asked that [redacted] not be publicized but to be
kept within the Movement, "otherwise the FBI will hear about it
and do something to stop it".

The 26th of July group desires [redacted]
[redacted] in Chicago and is going to formulate plans for such
a group within the organization.

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Members of the Movement were instructed to [redacted]
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[redacted] had the signature of [redacted]
labeled [redacted]
[redacted] and represents one week's dues.

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On [redacted]
[redacted] the July 26th Movement, advised he is returning to
[redacted] within the next month [redacted]
of the July 26th Movement. [redacted] Cuba [redacted]
by "CHE" GUEVERA [redacted] for
the July 26th Movement. [redacted] said this is the "year of
education" in Cuba and that it is the Movement's responsibility
[redacted] Cuba for the construction of school
buildings. He reported [redacted] Cuba
by Chicago members returning to their homes and advised further
that [redacted] Cuba [redacted]

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(CG T-6, 5/27/61)

FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

The April 6, 1960, edition of "The New York Times" newspaper contains a full page advertisement captioned, "What is Really Happening in Cuba", placed by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). This advertisement announced the formation of the FPCC in New York City, listed various sponsors of the Committee and declared the FPCC intended to promulgate "the truth about revolutionary Cuba" to neutralize the distorted American press on Cuban affairs.

"The New York Times" edition of January 11, 1961, reported that at a hearing conducted before the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on January 10, 1961, Dr. CHARLES A. SANTOS-BUCH identified himself as one of the organizers of the FPCC. Also, Dr. SANTOS-BUCH identified ROBERT TABER as a co-organizer of the FPCC and said TABER drafted the aforementioned FPCC advertisement. Dr. SANTOS-BUCH further testified that he and TABER obtained \$3,500 from the Cuban Government through the son of Cuba's Foreign Minister, which funds, along with about \$1,100 collected from supporters of the FPCC, paid for the cost of aforementioned advertisement in "The New York Times".

On October 3, 1960, a source advised that the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) in New York had become active in the FPCC, and that SWP members, in a recent FPCC election, had been able to remove several Communist Party (CP) members who were on the Executive Board of the FPCC and gain control of the organization. This source asserted that the SWP members believed that they had achieved a great influence in the course of the Cuban revolution through their control of the FPCC.

On February 10, 1961, a second source advised that PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary and member of the National Committee, CP, USA, had reportedly stated recently that the FPCC had been captured by the Trotskyites, but that the CP had not given up in the FPCC.

The SWP and the CP, USA have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

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THE 26TH OF JULY MOVEMENT

This movement is so named from the date, July 26, 1953. On this date, FIDEL CASTRO led an unsuccessful attack against the Cuban Army at Moncado Barracks, Santiago de Cuba, Oriente Province, Cuba. Subsequently, CASTRO with 82 followers departed Mexico aboard the yacht "Granma" and landed in Oriente Province about December 2, 1956, and from there waged guerrilla warfare against the Government of FULGENCIO BATISTA, then President of Cuba. On January 1, 1959, BATISTA fled Cuba and sought asylum in the Dominican Republic. FIDEL CASTRO ascended to power and is now Prime Minister of Cuba.

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On March 8, 1961, [REDACTED], Registration Section, Internal Security Division, U. S. Department of Justice, advised the Chicago Chapter of the 26th of July Movement (Movimiento 26 de Julio), is registered with that Department.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer
to File No. 109-12

Chicago, Illinois
6-27-61

Title: JULY 26TH MOVEMENT OF CHICAGO

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Reference: Report of Special Agent Charles B.
Walker dated and captioned as
above at Chicago.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

CG T-5 and CG T-6 are sources with whom insufficient contact has been had to establish their reliability.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (109-551)

8/10/61

SAC, CHICAGO (109-12)

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JULY 26TH MOVEMENT - *Cuba*

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ReBulet to New York dated March 31, 1961, requesting information regarding extent of coverage of the July 26th Movement, and Chicago letter dated July 10, 1961.

	<u>Total</u>
I. Established sources and informants (Cuba)	2
II. Potential sources of information	6
III. Members of July 26th Movement Interviewed During Last Month	3
(a) Cooperative and having potential as source	0
(b) Having no informant or source potential	3
(c) Uncooperative	0

Chicago will continue to afford strenuous efforts to be apprised of pertinent activity of the July 26th Movement.

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Date: 7-28-61

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Via AIRTEL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-87912)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (105-9157)

SUBJECT: FRENTE REVOLUCIONARIO DEMOCRATICO
(FRD), Aka. Cuban Democratic Front
IS - CUBA

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AND FIELD OFFICES
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Remytel dated 7/25/61, and myairtel dated 6/6/61,
enclosing a letterhead memorandum setting out information
regarding [] FRD representative, and [],
Chicago representative of the Christian Democratic Movement
(Movimiento Democraata Cristiano) (MDC).

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of
a letterhead memorandum pertaining to the current relationship
and status of the above organizations and individuals.

Information copies of this memorandum are furnished
Miami in view of the interest of that office in activities of
Cuban revolutionary groups. When additional details of the
proposed anti-CASTRO training camps at the farms located near
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Valparaiso, Indiana, are known, or
when information is received that operations are actually to
begin at such locations, pertinent information will be furnished
the Milwaukee and Indianapolis Offices. (C)

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- ⑤ - Bureau (Encl. 11) (RM)
 - (1 - ~~105-91-410~~) (MDC)
 - (1 - 109-551) (26th of July Movement)
 - 3 - Miami (Encl. 3) (RM)
 - (1 - 105-2603)
 - (1 - 105-) (MDC)
 - (1 - 97-268) (26th of July Movement)
 - 3 - Chicago, ILL.
 - (1 - 105-9157) (MDC)
 - (1 - 109-12) (26th of July Movement)

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The Security Unit of the Chicago Police Department was advised of the demonstration planned by the FRD and MDC for July 26, 1961.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FRENTE REVOLUCIONARIO DEMOCRATICO (FRD)
(CUBAN DEMOCRATIC FRONT)
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

(U) On July 24, 1961, [redacted]
the Christian Democratic Movement (Movimiento Democrata
Cristiano) (MDC), one of the anti-Castro Cuban revolutionary
groups which formerly comprised the FRD, advised as follows: ~~Q~~

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(U) On July 16, 1961, the MDC held a parade down
Michigan Avenue in Chicago, with 3,000 to 4,000 individuals
participating. These individuals, who represented
Mexican, Puerto Rican, Croatian, Ukranian, Polish, and
Hungarian groups, as well as the MDC, marching in
celebration of Captive Nations Day, joined thousands of
other individuals of foreign descent for a Roman Catholic
mass at the Band Shell in Grant Park. The mass was
arranged for and promoted by [redacted]
of the FRD in Chicago. ~~Q~~

(U) After the joint participation of the FRD and the
MDC in the Captive Nations Day celebration, [redacted]
and he got together and agreed to forget their differences
and to work together to promote the overthrow of the
Castro Government of Cuba. He and [redacted] have arranged
to put on a 15 minute radio program every Tuesday and
Thursday on a Chicago radio station, call letters not
recalled, but believed to be located at 1450 kilocycles,
in Spanish to present their anti-Castro views to the
Spanish-speaking community in Chicago. He and [redacted]
have already taped some material to be used on this
program. ~~Q~~

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Both he and [] are anxious for the anti-Castro movement to begin active planning and training for another landing in Cuba in an effort to overthrow the Castro Government. [] is going to Miami July 29, 1961, to discuss this matter with FRD leaders, and he, [] planned to go to Miami in approximately ten days to talk with [] MDC. If he was not satisfied with [] plans for the MDC, he intended to go to Washington, D.C., to contact the Department of State or the Central Intelligence Agency for assistance in implementing their plans to participate in any effort to overthrow the Castro Government. ~~C~~

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In the course of various speaking engagements in the Chicago area recently he has been offered the use of two farms for the training of Cubans, as well as other Latin Americans, preparatory to taking part in any landing in Cuba. One farm is located near Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and the other is in the vicinity of Valparaiso, Indiana. He and [] have discussed the training to be given on these locations and have decided to attempt to obtain United States Government support in the way of arms and equipment. It was decided that no publicity would be given to this matter and that every effort would be made to keep the press and news services from obtaining coverage of the training operation. Both he and [] planned to actively participate in the training, which would be given by qualified Latin American instructors. ~~C~~

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From Cuban members of the FRD and MDC recently coming to Chicago from Miami he has learned that a training camp for anti-Castro forces was recently opened in Guatemala and that two additional camps in Central America are to be established. ~~C~~

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From Cuban members of the MDC recently arrived in Chicago from Miami, he learned that the leader of the 26th of July Movement in the United States, whose name was not known, planned to come to Chicago in the near future to discuss some arrangements with the 26th of July group in Chicago. ~~C~~

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On July 26, 1961, 300 to 400 Cubans and other Latin Americans planned to march, carrying banners denouncing Castro, from 166 West Washington Street, the location of the offices of the FRD and the MDC, to Michigan Avenue and back as a demonstration against the 26th of July Movement, in an attempt to offset some of the publicity of the 26th of July Movement in commemorating the day. C

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On July 28, 1961, [] advised that the demonstration on July 26, 1961, mentioned above, was carried out without incident. C

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-551)

DATE: 7/27/61

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-12)

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SUBJECT: JULY 26TH MOVEMENT - Chicago
IS-CUBA
RA-CUBA

ReBulet to WFO 7/18/61.

Sources and informants report there is no headquarters for July 26th Movement in Chicago nor is there a regular meeting place. BERNARDINO SANCHEZ, 3129 West Fullerton Avenue, Chicago, is the registered leader of the Chicago movement and

[redacted] the movement.

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SANCHEZ is employed by the Central Can Company, 3200 South Kilbourn Avenue, and [redacted]

Chicago will promptly advise the Bureau of any designation of a headquarters of the movement, any change in the location of the records or the designation of a permanent meeting place.

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 - 1 - 105-4228)
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JULY 26TH MOVEMENT
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TO: Director, FBI (105-82024)(105-97780)

FROM: SAC, Miami (97-268)

JULY 26 CLUB OF MIAMI
MIAMI, FLORIDA
IS - CUBA
RA - CUBA

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On 8/10/61 a note was received at the Miami Office from an unknown source, Miami, Florida, enclosing a photostat of a letter dated 8/6/61 to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] North America of the 26 of July Movement. Instant note advised this letter was sent to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and was postmarked 2 AM, 8/7/61 at New York, N.Y. with the return address of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The address [REDACTED] is a residence belonging to [REDACTED]

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 - 1 - Baltimore (Info.)(2 Encls.)
 - 1 - Boston (Info.)(2 Encls.)
 - 1 - Buffalo (Info.)(2 Encls.)
 - 1 - Chicago (Info.)(2 Encls.)
 - 1 - Los Angeles (Info.)(2 Encls.)
 - 1 - Newark (Info.)(2 Encls.)
 - 1 - New Haven (Info.)(2 Encls.)
 - 1 - New Orleans (Info.)(2 Encls.)
 - 2 - New York (Info.)(4 Encls.)(AM)
(109-81)(105-47474)
 - 1 - Philadelphia (Info.)(2 Encls.)
 - 2 - Washington Field (2 Encls.)(AM)
 - 2 - Miami (97-268)(1 cc: 105-3484 with 2 Encls.)

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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[redacted] who is the [redacted] of the July 26 Club of Miami, Florida. The residence at the above address is vacant at this time. Also enclosed with the letter was a one page note in reference to the stamp of the July 26 Movement.

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Enclosed for the Bureau is (1) a photostat of the above letter to [redacted]; (2) a photostat of the note referring to the stamp of the Movement (it is noted the stamp itself is illegible); (3) a translation of the letter to [redacted]; (4) a translation of the note referring to the stamp of the 26th of July Movement.

Information copies are being furnished to Baltimore, Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, Los Angeles, Newark, New Haven, New Orleans, New York and Philadelphia, with translations of the letter and note referring to the stamp, for possible future investigative use.

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Enclosed for Washington Field are translation copies of the letter to [redacted] and of the note referring to the stamp of the 26 of July Movement. The Washington Field Office will contact the Foreign Agents Registration Section, Internal Security Division of the Department of Justice, and set out appropriate leads to interested offices re the registration of delegates of the July 26 Movement with that Department, who, according to the enclosures, must register as Foreign Agents by August 15, 1961.

(Letterhead of 26 of July Movement,
New York, N.Y.)

New York, August 6, 1961



Dear Comrade:

The administration of the 26 of July Movement in Cuba indicates to us here in New York what measures should be taken, what agreements should be reached and what tasks are to be done.

According to the instructions which we have up to the present time, the 26 of July is a revolutionary organization which is striving peacefully to bring the truth of our revolution to the American people and it is registered in Washington under this form of principles. Since we defend the postulates of a foreign government, in the eyes of the United States and its laws, we are foreign agents; wherefore, every one of us who is an officer (literally, "mostly responsible") has to be registered in Washington as such.

Every meeting to be held and every task to be done should always be in the name of the Movement, since under any other name it could be a violation of the United States laws, because it has not been registered. We can make all types of propaganda, in writing, on the radio and on films; we can picket or hold meetings, provided they are of a revolutionary nature, in which the members acquire knowledge and revolutionary political indoctrination. We give you this information so that all may know fully what our duties are.

All these activities cannot be carried on in any other type of organization, like social or recreation clubs, since this type of organization has to be registered as a social or recreational one and cannot engaged in any type of propaganda in favor of the Revolution.

By the 15th of this month, all the officers of the delegations throughout the United States have to present in Washington their forms registering them as foreign agents.

All the comrades who have been designated for the various positions must be aware of the obligations they have assumed, and if they cannot for any reason accept this responsibility, they must so inform immediately, so that another can be appointed in that position.

Fraternally yours.

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[Redacted Signature]
in North America

FAITHFUL TO FIDEL * FAITHFUL TO CUBA * FAITHFUL TO THE
REVOLUTION

ATTENTION

These are the rubber stamps which should be ordered for the use of the Organization, so that all the Organizations of the Movement may have the same kind. Naturally, when they are being made, the city in which the organization is located will be placed on it.

(It will be noted that appearing below the above wording was the inked impression approximately 1½" in diameter left by a rubber stamp; however the wording on the stamp could not be deciphered. Apparently this is the stamp referred to above.)

P. O. BOX 109
HAMILTON GRANGER STATION
NEW YORK 31, N. Y.

MOVIMIENTO 26 DE JULIO

DIRECCION CENTRAL EN NORTE AMERICA
600 WEST 139TH STREET
NEW YORK 31, N. Y.

PATRIA O MUERTE
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TELEFONO AUDUBON 1-7620

New York Agosto 6-61.

Sr. [REDACTED]-----

Estimado Compañero:

La direcccion del M-26-7. en Cuba, nos indica a nosotros aqui en New York cuales son las disposiciones y acuerdos que se deben cumplir o tareas a realizar.

Segun las instrucciones que tenemos hasta el momento, El 26 de Julio es una organizacion Revolucionaria que lucha pacificamente por hacer llegar la verdad de nuestra revolucion al Pueblo Americano, y en esta forma de principios esta inscripta en Washington; como que defendemos los postulados de un Gobierno Extranjero, para ellos los Norteamericanos y sus leyes somos Agentes extranjeros, por lo cual cada uno de nosotros los Maximos responsables tenemos que estar inscriptos en Washington como tales.

Todos nuestros actos y tareas a realizar deben ser siempre en Nombre de el Movimiento, pues bajo otro nombre por no estar registrado, podian entrar en violaciones de las Leyes Norteamericanas, nosotros podemos hacer toda clase de propaganda escrita Radial o en Peliculas, asi como piquetes o actos siempre que sean de matiz revolucionario donde los Militantes adquieren conocimientos y adoctrinamiento Politico Revolucionario, les ponemos esto en conocimiento para que todos sepan a plenitud cuales son nuestros deberes.

Todas estas actividades no se pueden desarrollar, en otra clase de Organizaciones como son Club sociales y de recreo pues este tipo de organizaciones tienen que inscribirse como de recreo social, y no pueden hacer ninguna clase de propaganda en favor de la Revolucion.

Para el dia 15 del corriente mes todos los compañeros responsables de las Delegaciones en todos los USA, tienen que hacer su presentacion en Washington de sus planillas de inscripcion como Agentes Extranjeros.

Todos los compañeros que han sido designados para los cargos tienen que estar concientes de los deberes contraidos, y si no pueden por cualquier causa aceptar esta responsabilidad, deben de comunicarlo inmediatamente, con el fin de nombrar otro en su lugar.

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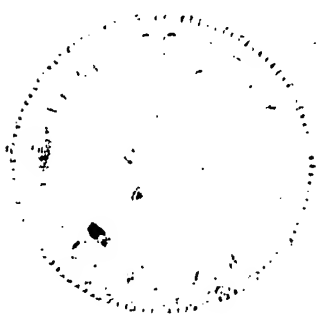
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En Norte America.

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Estos son los cuños que tienen que mandar a hacer para uso de la Organización, para que así todas las Organizaciones del Movimiento sean iguales. Naturalmente que al hacerlos les pondrán la ciudad donde reside la Organización.



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JULIO ✖
NEW YORK, N.Y.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office CHICAGO	Office of Origin CHICAGO	Date 9/28/61	Investigative Period 7/1 - 9/22/61
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Characterization of JOHN ROSSEN

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Characterization of
RICHARD CRILEY

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Characterization of JOHN ROSSEN

DOCUMENTATION OF ORGANIZATIONS

Identity of Source

Organization

Fair Play for Cuba Committee,
Chicago Chapter

Fair Play for Cuba Committee,
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Report of: [REDACTED]
Date: 9-28-61

Office: CHICAGO

Field Office File #: 109-12

Bureau File #: 97-3382

Title: JULY 26TH MOVEMENT OF CHICAGO

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis: Membership records of the July 26th Movement of Chicago are maintained at the apartment of [REDACTED]. BERNARDINO SANCHEZ and [REDACTED] members, advised the Movement's function is to better U.S. - Cuban relations. SANCHEZ is registered as Coordinator of the Movement with the Registration Section, U.S. Department of Justice. Money raised through contributions and social functions has been forwarded to Cuba to assist in the education program there. The Movement celebrated the anniversary of the July 26th Movement on July 22, 1961, and a profit of \$200 was sent to Cuba with [REDACTED] during the first part of August, 1961.

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DETAILS:

The Ku Klux Klan has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The following organizations which have not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450 are characterized in the latter pages of this report:

Fair Play for Cuba Committee, Chicago Chapter;

Fair Play for Cuba Committee, National.

The July 26th Movement (7-26-M) is a revolutionary organization founded and led by FIDEL CASTRO, now Prime Minister of Cuba.

I. ORGANIZATION AND BACKGROUND

A. Sections

Information furnished originally that the 7-26-M of Chicago was divided into three distinct districts, the North Side, the South Side, and the West Side is erroneous. The error was caused by the close relationship of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC), Chicago, which is so divided and the 7-26-M. There is no known divisional or sectional breakdown of the 7-26-M of Chicago.

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B. Records

On July 14, 1961, a meeting of the 7-26-M was held at the apartment of [redacted] at which time it was learned that the [redacted] of the 7-26-M are located at this apartment in [redacted] custody.

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C. Aims and Purposes

On August 3, 1961, [redacted]
[redacted], self-admitted member of the 7-26-M advised the Movement was working only to promote better understanding between Cuba and the United States and operated entirely in the open without concealing any of its identity.

On August 23, 1961, AURELIO BERNARDINO SANCHEZ PARRADE, 3129 West Fullerton Avenue, Coordinator of the 7-26-M of Chicago, advised the sole function of the Movement is that of a propaganda organization with the purpose of bettering relations between the United States and Cuba.

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D. Headquarters

Both SANCHEZ and [redacted] advised the 7-26-M has no Chicago headquarters or office space. SANCHEZ advised meetings are held at different places each time.

E. Registration

SANCHEZ advised he is registered with the Registration Section of the United States Department of Justice. He displayed a Photostat copy of his report to the Registration Section dated August 19, 1961, in which he reported he gave two speeches during the past six months, the last having occurred on July 22, 1961, at a celebration of the anniversary of the 7-26-M.

F. Officers

As has been reported previously on January 31, 1961, CG T-2 reported [redacted] leader of the 7-26-M of Philadelphia to head the Movement in Chicago. At that time the officers were designated as follows:

Coordinator

[redacted]
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[redacted]

BERNARDINO SANCHEZ

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In the interviews of SANCHEZ and [] they advised SANCHEZ is the only officer of the organization, that being Coordinator. SANCHEZ said such positions as Secretary and Treasurer are named at each meeting to take care of the business at that meeting only. [] denied holding a position in the movement.

G. Membership

BERNARDINO SANCHEZ advised the Movement in Chicago reached its peak in membership in May, 1961, at which time there were approximately sixty-three members. With the exception of himself, most of the prominent members of the Movement have returned to Cuba and the majority of those remaining plan to return to Cuba within the next two months or so. As a result of the departure of members, the size of the Movement in Chicago is dwindling and its activity is slowing down.

He added the prominent members of the Movement in Chicago who have returned to Cuba recently are:

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[] hesitated to estimate the number of members in the 26th of July Movement in Chicago because there was no membership list and no roster of members was maintained. Probably there would be 50 or 60 members. Before a new candidate was admitted to membership, the members made certain the candidate was serious in his attitude regarding the organization; they wanted no members who were frivolous or not serious regarding the Cuban Revolution.

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H. Finances

[] advised money had been collected by the 7-26-M of Chicago to support five schools in Chicago.

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He reported this money had been mailed to someone in Cuba in the form of a money order, but he denied knowing who obtained the money order or any of the details of the organization's finances. He denied having a bank account for himself or the Movement.

BERNARDINO SANCHEZ advised money had been sent to Cuba from time to time to help the "Year of Education Program" there. He said this money had been raised through contributions and social functions, the latest of which occurred on July 22, 1961, at the celebration of the anniversary of the 7-26-M. He said this function netted approximately \$200 which was taken to Cuba by [redacted] when he went to Cuba in early August, 1961.

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On [redacted], while attending a meeting of the West Side Branch of the FPCC of Chicago held at [redacted] [redacted] reported that the 26th of July Movement in the United States has set a goal of \$30,000 to send to Cuba and that the Chicago Chapter has a goal of \$3,000, of which \$1,000 has already been raised and sent to Cuba. He stated that he hoped to raise another thousand dollars at the 26th of July celebration which is to be held at 2757 West LeMoyne, on July 22, 1961.

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(CG T-3, 6/29/61)

On [redacted] while attending a meeting of the 7-26-M at [redacted] read two letters to the group. One letter was purported to be from an "authorized person in Cuba" who acknowledged that [redacted] of [redacted] arrived in Cuba and [redacted] this person [redacted] which was [redacted] Cuba. The second letter acknowledged [redacted] [redacted] not otherwise identified.

(CG T-1, 7/19/61)

II. GENERAL ACTIVITIES

Leaflets were obtained announcing that on July 22, 1961, a gala celebration of the anniversary of the 7-26-M under the auspices of that organization would be held at 2757 West LeMoyne Avenue. The affair featured Cuban food, entertainment, and dancing at a cost of \$2.00 per person.

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(CG T-7, 7/26/61)

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A meeting of the 7-26-M was held [redacted] at the apartment of [redacted]. Approximately 50 people attended. The business discussion centered around the planning for the forthcoming 7-26-M celebration to be held at the Russian Center on LeMoyne Avenue, on July 22, 1961.

One man in attendance suggested that cartoons depicting Ku Klux Klan members beating Negroes be erected at the party but the suggestion was turned down because it was felt that some of the FPCC people might be offended. Another suggestion was that a large picture of FIDEL CASTRO be erected, however the only large picture of FIDEL CASTRO the 7-26-M has is one made before he grew his beard.

A brief discussion was held regarding the distribution of the magazine "Bohemia". It was decided to call Havana, Cuba, and determine who was officially responsible for the distribution of "Bohemia" in Chicago.

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7-26-M Celebration

On July 22, 1961, from 250 to 300 persons attended the celebration of the anniversary of the July 26th Movement at the Russian Center, 2757 West LeMoyne Avenue. [redacted]

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[] acting as host, introduced BERNARDINO SANCHEZ as the leader of the Movement in Chicago. SANCHEZ, speaking in Spanish, welcomed those in attendance to the celebration.

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(CG T-9, 8/1/61)

JOHN ROSSEN also spoke praising the CASTRO regime in Cuba and stating that the progressive people in the United States should support CASTRO. He said that the task of the FPCC is to correctly inform the American people of the existing situation in Cuba.

(CG T-8, 8/2/61)

~~CG T-10~~ advised on December 5, 1958, that JOHN ROSSEN in 1956 was a member of the Loop Section of the CP of Illinois.

CG T-2 advised on August 1, 1960, that JOHN ROSSEN on July 28, 1960, was elected Chairman of the FPCC of Chicago.

RICHARD CRILEY also spoke at the celebration and generally following the approach of ROSSEN made an appeal for a collection. It was learned that approximately \$225 was collected.

(CG T-8, 8/2/61)

CG T-8 on December 14, 1960, advised RICHARD CRILEY is presently a member of the State Committee, CP of Illinois, and the 29th Ward Club of the CP.

FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE,
CHICAGO CHAPTER

A source advised in October, 1960, that the Chicago Chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) was formed during the summer of 1960 at Chicago, Illinois, under the direct guidance and leadership of RICHARD CRILEY, a member of the State Committee, Communist Party (CP) of Illinois.

The Headquarters of the FPCC, Chicago Chapter, are at 180 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois.

A second source in August, 1960, furnished a leaflet entitled, "What Is Really Happening in Cuba?", distributed by the FPCC, Post Office Box 4555, Chicago 80, Illinois. The aims and purposes of the FPCC as set forth in this leaflet include the following: "To disseminate the truth, to combat untruth; to publish and distribute factual information which the United States mass media suppresses. In general, to contribute to foundations for peace, friendship, and understanding between ourselves and the Cuban people." The leaflet reflects the FPCC plans to accomplish these aims: "By mailing of informational bulletins; organizing public meetings and forums; providing speakers, movies, and slides for meetings of interested organizations; placing ads in newspapers; to visit Cuba and see for themselves what conditions really are."

The first source added that at a meeting of the Chicago Chapter, FPCC, held in Chicago on July 28, 1960, it was mentioned that the membership dues in the FPCC were \$5 per year and it was decided by those present at the meeting that payment of the \$5 dues would entitle one to dual membership in the national organization as well as the Chicago Chapter.

A third source advised that as of May, 1961, this Committee continued to exist, with the same aims and purposes, but under the direction and leadership of former Communists, members of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), and others, who are pro-CASTRO supporters.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



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Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted]
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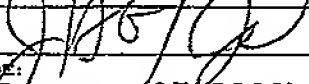
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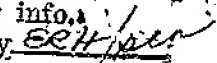
AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will fully report in the next
report current information concerning the July 26th Movement
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One copy of this report is being furnished for informational purposes to Miami, New York, Philadelphia and the Washington Field Office in view of their continued interest and in order to facilitate and coordinate investigations in the respective Offices.

This report is being confined to the information that was requested in Bureau airtel of November 6, 1961, regarding results of examination of records and ensuing action connected therewith.

Inasmuch as AURELIO BERNARDINO SANCHEZ PARRADE of 3129 West Fullerton is the only individual registered on the Short Form Registration Statement under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 as amended as being the only officer of the July 26th Movement in Chicago, and further inasmuch as SANCHEZ has left the United States prior to October 26, 1961, this matter was discussed with Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, on October 25, 1961. Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] stated the Department agrees that Chicago proceed against [redacted] as though he is in fact acting as an officer of the July 26th Movement and has [redacted]

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On October 26, 1961, [redacted] was interviewed as scheduled at 9:00 A.M., at which time he disclaimed any knowledge of the present location of the July 26th Movement records in Chicago. He denied past possession of any July 26th Movement records and stated that these records had been maintained by BERNARDINO SANCHEZ, whom he described as the coordinator of the July 26th Movement in Chicago. [redacted] stated he was aware that SANCHEZ had departed the United States and that he was unaware

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as to whom, if anyone, SANCHEZ would have transferred the responsibility for the maintenance of the July 26th records in Chicago. He presumed that the successor to BERNARDINO SANCHEZ would be decided by the New York headquarters of the July 26th Movement and by a [] in New York. [] very readily agreed to and executed a waiver of consent form to search both his residence and automobile. Both of these searches resulted in unproductive efforts in locating any July 26th Movement records in his possession. There were two application forms for members of the July 26th Movement located in his apartment at [] which were partially completed. The information contained thereon is being fully explored by the Chicago Office. [] stated in regard to the possession of these two uncompleted membership cards that he had on occasion kept papers for BERNARDINO SANCHEZ which were always returned to SANCHEZ. He could not explain their presence in his apartment.

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Bureau File #: 97-3382

Title: JULY 26TH MOVEMENT OF CHICAGO

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Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis:

AURELIO BERNARDINO SANCHEZ PARRADE, Coordinator of the July 26th Movement, departed Chicago for Cuba. [redacted] advised on 10/25/61 that he received a letter from SANCHEZ postmarked at Havana, Cuba, during the previous week. [redacted] claims no knowledge of the July 26th Movement records in Chicago. Associates state that [redacted] departed the United States for Cuba on 10/27/61.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

AURELIO BERNARDINO SANCHEZ PARRADE, Coordinator of the July 26th Movement in Chicago, departed Chicago for Cuba probably around October 19, 1961.

(CG T-1 - 10/23/61)

The July 26th Movement is a revolutionary organization founded and led by FIDEL CASTRO, now Prime Minister of Cuba.

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Subsequently on October 24, 1961, [redacted] advised that SANCHEZ and his family had moved from their apartment on the second floor of that residence approximately two weeks ago.

On October 24, 1961, [redacted] Central Can Company, 3200 South Kilbourn Avenue, advised that on Friday, October 13, 1961, SANCHEZ requested to be permitted to leave work and has not returned to work to date. [redacted] will advise the FBI in Chicago in the event thay anyone claims the \$97.36 in back pay which SANCHEZ has coming to him.

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On October 25, 1961, [redacted] advised she learned from an individual she did not identify that BERNARDINO SANCHEZ had taken his family back to Cuba.

On October 25, 1961, [redacted] advised that BERNARDINO SANCHEZ left Chicago on Thursday, October 19, 1961, with his family, apparently going to Canada en route to Cuba. [redacted] stated he had received a letter from SANCHEZ from Havana, Cuba, during the past week, in which SANCHEZ reported that everything was wonderful in Cuba and that he and his family were in the process of becoming settled. [redacted] stated he had no idea who was left in charge

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of the July 26th Movement of Chicago. It was his opinion that such an individual would have to be appointed from the Movement's main office in New York City.

Possible Location of Records

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On July 14, 1961, a meeting of the July 26th Movement was held at the apartment of [redacted] at which time it was learned that some [redacted] Movement were located at this apartment in [redacted] custody.

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On October 26, 1961, [redacted] was interviewed, at which time he furnished the following information:

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[redacted] admitted he was a member of the July 26th Movement (7-26 M) in Chicago, having joined in March, 1961. He denied ever being an officer of the Movement. He denied ever maintaining any records of the 7-26 M or ever maintaining the 7-26 M membership booklets. [redacted]

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He said he is pro-CASTRO and believes in the present Cuban form of government.

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[redacted] said his [redacted] [redacted], and [redacted] returned to Cuba in June, 1961. He denied that [redacted] transported money to Cuba in behalf of the 7-26 M. He said he hopes to join his family in Cuba in the near future.

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AURELIO BERNARDINO SANCHEZ PARADE

[redacted] said that he knew BERNARDINO SANCHEZ as Co-ordinator of the 7-26 M in Chicago, who returned to Cuba during the week of October 16, 1961. He refused to identify any other individuals as members of the 7-26 M.

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[redacted] said he has held 7-26 M meetings at his residence, [redacted] where BERNARDINO SANCHEZ, the Co-ordinator, has been in attendance. He said SANCHEZ would occasionally give him membership booklets and identification records "to hold for a few days." He said he would return these various documents to SANCHEZ without knowing their purpose, use, or ultimate destination. He said he believed that SANCHEZ maintained the 7-26 M records because SANCHEZ was the Co-ordinator. [redacted] said that since SANCHEZ has returned to Cuba he has no idea who is acting as Co-ordinator in Chicago and he does not know who is maintaining the records.

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He said he presumed that the successor to BERNARDINO SANCHEZ will be appointed by [redacted] of the 7-26 M at the headquarters in New York City.

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by SAS JOSEPH M. CULKIN and [redacted] Date dictated 11/2/61
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It was reported that [] had on October 27, 1961, left for Canada en route to Cuba about noon of that date. The reason for his departure was not known but [] departed in his 1954 Buick bearing 1961 Illinois License []

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On October 30, 1961, [] allegedly telephonically contacted someone in the July 26th Movement in New York City, advising them that he had arrived in Montreal, Canada, without any problems. He was awaiting [] Cuba. He and his friend, [] and [] family had left Chicago en route to Canada with [] driving his own automobile.

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On October 27, 1961, [], Personnel Department, Sears Roebuck and Company, advised that [] had not reported for work the morning of October 27, 1961. In the event he returned to work or sent someone to pick up his pay check, she would advise the FBI Office in Chicago.

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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

CG T-2 is a source with whom insufficient contact has been had to establish his reliability, but who is in a position [redacted] residing in the Chicago area.

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (105-10594)
SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Aka.
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Re report of SA [REDACTED] dated
10/19/61, at Chicago.

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are // copies of a
letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above. Two
extra copies of this airtel are being sent to the Bureau for
forwarding to the Legal Attache in Ottawa, Canada, for
their information.

One copy each of this letterhead memorandum
is being disseminated to INS and G-2, Chicago, by registered
mail inasmuch as these agencies have an interest in this matter.

One copy of this airtel and letterhead memorandum
is being furnished to the Miami and New York Office because
of their interest in this matter.

For information of Miami, New York and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was interviewed on 10/26/61, in
connection with the request of the U.S. Department of Justice
that an examination of the July 25th Movement (7-26 M)
records be made on 10/26/61.

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted] in the past and that as of July, 1961, [redacted] had the [redacted] in his possession.

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[redacted] was exhibited a copy of the departmental letter signed by the Assistant Attorney General at which time he denied ever being an officer and denied ever maintaining membership booklets for the 7-26 M. Upon execution of search Form 26, [redacted] automobile and residence were searched with negative results as to the location of the *organization* records.

[redacted] advised on 10/27/61 that [redacted] left for Cuba during the early morning hours of 10/27/61. [redacted] employer advised on 10/27/61 that [redacted] did not report for work on 10/27/61.

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[redacted] of 7-26 M in Chicago, voluntarily contacted the Chicago FBI Office on 10/26/61 and advised he wished to cooperate with the FBI. He was reinterviewed on 10/30/61 at which time he stated [redacted] departed Chicago for Cuba via Canada on 10/27/61. [redacted] stated that [redacted] an individual named [redacted] who is a [redacted] for the necessary arrangements to fly to Cuba.

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[redacted] is presently under investigation by the Chicago Division concerning background information for possible recommendation for his development as a security informant.

Chicago will furnish the Bureau and interested offices of pertinent developments regarding [redacted] Chicago will submit Form FD 315 requesting that a stop notice be placed in the INS Files at Washington, D. C.

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[redacted]
[redacted] was interviewed on October 26, 1961,
by Special Agents Joseph M. Culkin and [redacted]
at which time he furnished the following information:

[redacted] admitted he was a member of the July 26th
Movement in Chicago, having joined the Movement in March, 1961.
He denied ever being an officer of the July 26th Movement - Chicago
and he denied ever maintaining any records of the July 26th
Movement or ever maintaining the July 26th Movement membership
booklets.

He said he is pro-Castro and believes in the present
Cuban form of Government.

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[redacted] said that [redacted]
[redacted] returned to Cuba in June, 1961.
He denied that [redacted] to Cuba in behalf of
the July 26th Movement. He said he hopes to join his family in
Cuba in the near future.

[redacted] stated that he knew Bernardino Sanchez as
co-ordinator of the July 26th Movement in Chicago, who returned
to Cuba during the week of October 16, 1961. Alfonso refused
to identify any other individuals as members of the July 26th
Movement.

[redacted] said he has held July 26th Movement meetings
at his residence, [redacted] where Bernardino
Sanchez, the co-ordinator, has been in attendance. He said that

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Sanchez would occasionally give him membership booklets and identification records "to hold for a few days". He said he would return these various documents to Sanchez without knowing their purpose, use or ultimate destination. He said he believes that Bernardino Sanchez maintained the July 26th Movement records in Chicago because Sanchez was registered as the co-ordinator. He said that since Sanchez has returned to Cuba, he has no idea who is acting as co-ordinator in Chicago and he does not know who is maintaining the records.

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[redacted] said he presumed that the successor to Bernardino Sanchez will be appointed by [redacted] [redacted] July 26th Movement at the headquarters in New York City.

July 26th Movement

The July 26th Movement is a revolutionary organization founded and lead by Fidel Castro, now Prime Minister of Cuba.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /109-551/ AND SAC, NEW YORK/109-81/
FROM SAC, CHICAGO /109-12/ 2P

JULY TWENTY SIXTH MOVEMENT., IS DASH CUBA., RA DASH CUBA. RE CHICAGO
TEL AND BUTEL OCT. TWENTY FOUR LAST. AUSA, CHICAGO, AUTHORIZED APPROACH
TO [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED OCT. TWENTY SIX INSTANT.
ADMITTED MEMBERSHIP IN MOVEMENT BUT DENIED EVER BEING OFFICER OF MOVE-
MENT. STATED RECORDS OF MOVEMENT MAINTAINED BY BERNARDINO SANCHEZ
WHO HE DESCRIBED AS ONLY CHICAGO OFFICER OF MOVEMENT. INDICATED AWARE-
NESS OF SANCHEZ-S ABSENCE FROM CHICAGO. STATED NO KNOWLEDGE OF LOCA-
TION OF RECORDS, CHICAGO. STATED NO KNOWLEDGE OF SUCCESSOR TO
BERNARDINO SANCHEZ AS LEADER OF CHICAGO MOVEMENT. STATED BELIEF THAT
SUCCESSOR TO SANCHEZ WOULD BE NAMED BY [REDACTED] OF MOVEMENT HEAD-
QUARTERS IN NEW YORK. [REDACTED] DENIED EVER POSSESSION QUOTE RECORDS
UNQUOTE, BUT QUALIFIED BY SAYING HE HAS IN PAST [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SANCHEZ ON SPORADIC AND INFREQUENT BASIS.

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WITH PRIOR APPROVAL OF AUSA, CHICAGO, AGENTS ASKED [] FOR., AND OBTAINED WAIVER OF CONSENT TO SEARCH RESIDENCE AND AUTOMOBILE. SEARCH CONDUCTED AND NEGATIVE AS TO RECORDS WITH EXCEPTION OF TWO COMPLETED MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORMS APPARENTLY EXECUTED AT LEAST SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. [] STATED THIS WAS TYPE OF ITEM WHICH SANCHEZ GAVE HIM TO HOLD TEMPORARILY FROM TIME TO TIME. AUSA, CHICAGO, COGNIZANT OF ABOVE, NEW YORK REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY ADVISE IF EXAMINATION OF RECORDS THERE INDICATES ACTUAL APPOINTMENT OF ANY SUCCESSOR TO BERNARDINO SANCHEZ IN CHICAGO. CHICAGO SOURCES CURRENTLY UNAWARE ANY ACTIVITY OF MOVEMENT IN CHICAGO SUBSEQUENT TO BERNARDINO SANCHEZ-S DEPARTURE.

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Memorandum

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TO :

DATE:

DIRECTOR, FBI (97-3243)

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FROM :

SAC, MIAMI (97-139) (P)

SUBJECT:

JULY 26TH MOVEMENT ~~NEW YORK~~

IS - CUBA

RA - CUBA

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Reference is made to Miami airtel to Bureau dated 12/1/61, captioned, [REDACTED] IS - CUBA; RA - CUBA", and Bureau letter to Miami dated 12/21/61, captioned as above.

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On November 10, 1961, [REDACTED] (protect), [REDACTED] advised that through a routine inspection on that date of unmarked luggage at Miami International Airport, Miami, which was subsequently discovered to be that of [REDACTED] United Nations, [REDACTED] was discovered. In this material was the following letter, which, when translated from the Spanish language to the English language, reads as follows:

"26th of July Movement
319 West 48th Street
New York 46, New York
January 21, 1961
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"To Whom It May Concern:

"The undersigned, [redacted]
of the 26th of July Movement - New York, by this
means makes it known that Comrade [redacted]
has been duly authorized to name the members of
the directorate body of the movement in the City
of Chicago,

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"It is also understood that Comrade [redacted]
[redacted] has been duly authorized by the national
headquarters of the movement in Cuba to designate
Comrade [redacted] to this position.

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"In view of the foregoing, this document
is being issued with the approval of the Executive
Committee,

/s/

[redacted]

26th of July Movement -
New York City

"Death to the Invader
Fatherland or Death"

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Indices of the Miami Office contain no information
concerning [redacted] in addition to that which has already
been furnished to the Bureau by the Miami Office.

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It is recommended that the Chicago Office search its indices concerning [redacted] through logical sources identify him, and incorporate information in appropriate communication to the Bureau with recommendations for any additional investigation if such is deemed feasible.

The photograph of the original document in instant matter is being maintained in Miami file 97-139 Sub 2.

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Assistant Attorney General
J. Walter Yeagley

November 27, 1961

Director, FBI

JULY 26TH MOVEMENT
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Reference is made to your letter dated October 12, 1961, and its attachment, which instructed this Bureau to conduct examination of records of subject organization in various cities in the United States.

Additional reference is made to the following investigative reports, copies of which have been furnished to the Records Administration Office on the dates noted:

Report of Special Agent John R. Wineberg dated November 6, 1961, at Philadelphia entitled "July 26th Revolutionary Movement - Philadelphia, Internal Security - Cuba, Registration Act - Cuba," furnished Records Administration Office November 17, 1961.

Report of Special Agent Michael G. Simon dated November 13, 1961, at Chicago entitled "July 26th Movement of Chicago, Internal Security - Cuba, Registration Act - Cuba," furnished the Records Administration Office November 16, 1961.

Report of Special Agent John G. Goedtel dated November 14, 1961, at Washington entitled "July 26th Movement - Washington, D. C., Internal Security - Cuba, Registration Act - Cuba," furnished Records Administration Office November 15, 1961.

Your attention is invited to the fact that no Movement records were maintained in Chicago, Washington or Philadelphia. Registered leaders of the Movement in Washington and Philadelphia alleged inactivity of their local groups of the Movement and cited this inactivity as reason for nonmaintenance of records.

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- 1 - 97-3938 (July 26th Movement - Philadelphia)
1 - 97-3382 (July 26th Movement - Chicago)
1 - 97-4152 (July 26th Movement - Washington, D. C.)

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J. Walter Yeagley

The registered leader of the Movement group in Chicago had departed the country and Special Agents approached another officer of the Movement in Chicago in an attempt to secure the records desired. That individual, [redacted] alleged he had no Movement records in his possession and was not aware of the existence or whereabouts of such records. It should be noted that Alfonso has subsequently departed this country via Canada en route to Cuba.

You are requested to furnish your opinion as to the prosecutive merit of evidence obtained at Washington and Philadelphia indicating failure by Movement officials in those cities to maintain records in accordance with the requirements of Section Five of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

In the event prosecution of individuals in Washington and Philadelphia is not desired, you are requested to furnish your opinion of possibility of utilization of the information obtained in an over-all prosecution of national leaders of the July 26th Movement at New York City.

Investigative reports are forthcoming from other cities where attempts were made to examine Movement records on October 26, 1961. Immediately upon receipt these investigative reports will be furnished your Division.

NOTE:

Referenced reports contained details of our attempts to examine records of Movement on 10/26/61. Next logical step in this investigation is instant presentation of details obtained for solicitation of prosecutive opinion from Registration Section, Department of Justice.

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REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 2/15/62	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 9/25 - 1/10/62
TITLE OF CASE JULY 26TH MOVEMENT OF CHICAGO		REPORT MADE BY MICHAEL G. SIMON	TYPED BY mps
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REFERENCES: Report of SA [] dated 9/23/61 at Chicago; report of SA MICHAEL G. SIMON dated 11/13/61 at Chicago; Miami letter to the Director dated 1/3/62.

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LEADSCHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. 1. Will continue to keep in close contact with informants and sources in the Chicago Division in order to ascertain if there is any reactivation of the July 26th Movement in Chicago.

2. Will continue to keep in close contact with informants who are in contact with and associate with the adherents of the Movement who have remained in Chicago.

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3. Will continue to be constantly alert to place aggressive knowledgeable informants in important positions within the Movement in the event the Movement is reactivated in Chicago.

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One copy of this report is being designated locally to INS by registered mail in view of their continued interest in activities of the July 26th Movement.

One copy of this report is being furnished for informational purposes to Miami, New York, Philadelphia and the Washington Field Office in view of their continued interest and in order to facilitate and coordinate investigations of the July 26th Movement in the respective offices.

On November 10, 1961, [redacted], advised that on a routine inspection on that date of unmarked luggage at the Miami, Florida International Airport, which luggage subsequently was discovered to be that of [redacted]

[redacted] United Nations, a considerable quantity of material pertaining to the 26th of July Movement, New York, was disclosed. A translation from Spanish into English reflected that one letter was dated [redacted] August 24, 1961, and addressed to [redacted]

[redacted] and was from "B. Sanchez, Coordinator (Rubber Stamp) 26th of July - Chicago." The body of this letter reflected that [redacted] assumed the duties of Secretary General of the 26th of July Movement in Chicago, Illinois, after [redacted] returned to Cuba.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

This report is being classified ~~confidential~~ because data reported by CG T-1 and CG T-2 could reasonably result in the identification of informants of continuing value and compromise their future effectiveness thereof.

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the July 28th Movement in
Chicago (a current background
investigation is being
conducted for possible
recommendation of consideration
of [REDACTED] under the
PSI program)

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Report of: SA MICHAEL G. SIMON
Date: February 15, 1962

Office: Chicago

Field Office File #: 109-12

Bureau File #: 97-3382

Title: JULY 26TH MOVEMENT OF CHICAGO

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Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis: AURELIO BERNARDINO SANCHEZ PARRADE, Coordinator, July 26th Movement (7-26-M) in Chicago reportedly returned to Cuba October, 1961. [redacted] admitted being a member of the 7-26-M in Chicago. Last known 7-26-M meeting held in Chicago was in October, 1961, just prior to the time SANCHEZ left for Cuba. Source states there has been no activity in 7-26-M since November, 1961 in Chicago. It was determined that [redacted] of the 7-26-M in Chicago after [redacted] former member of 7-26-M in Chicago, left for Cuba.

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DETAILS:

The following organization has not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450:

The July 26th Movement, hereinafter referred to as 7-26-M, is a revolutionary organization founded and led by FIDEL CASTRO, now Prime Minister of Cuba.

I. INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED WITH MEMBERS
OR FORMER MEMBERS OF 7-26-M IN CHICAGO

On August 23, 1961, AURELIO BERNARDINO SANCHEZ PARRADE, advised agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Chicago, Illinois, that he is registered with the Registration Section of the United States Department of Justice as coordinator of the 7-26-M in Chicago.

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On October 25, 1961, [redacted] was interviewed by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at which time he stated he was presently residing at [redacted]

[redacted] said he [redacted]

[redacted] relations and understanding between the United States and Cuba. He said that BERNARDINO SANCHEZ had left Chicago, Illinois, on Thursday, October 19, 1961, because SANCHEZ' [redacted] [redacted] said SANCHEZ intended to go to Cuba via Canada.

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On October 25, 1961, [redacted] was interviewed. He admitted being a member of the 7-26-M in Chicago [redacted]

[redacted] He said he did not know who was left in charge or control of the Movement in Chicago since BERNARDINO SANCHEZ left a week or so ago. [redacted] said he had never been an officer in the Movement and that he was no longer interested in the Movement's activities.

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On October 26, 1961, [redacted] admitted to Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he was a member of the 7-26-M in Chicago, having joined in March, 1961. He denied ever having been an officer of the Movement.

On October 26, 1961, [redacted] was interviewed by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. [redacted] said he knew [redacted] as a member of the 7-26-M in Chicago. [redacted] said he had never been a member of the present Movement. He admitted being a member of the old 7-26-M in Chicago in 1958 or 1959. He has not contributed any money to the reorganized 7-26-M in Chicago under BERNARDINO SANCHEZ.

Sources familiar with 7-26-M activities in Chicago were unable to furnish any information concerning [redacted].

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On October 31, 1961, [redacted] who resides at [redacted] was interviewed inasmuch as [redacted] was observed driving a 1958 Ford Fairlane two door. This car was red and white in color and bore 1961 Illinois license plates [redacted]. This number was registered to [redacted].

[redacted] said he had loaned his automobile, described above, to [redacted] on numerous occasions, the last time being the evening of October 27, 1961.

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[redacted] had been friends with [redacted] for many years but did not believe in [redacted] political affiliations, which were pro-CASTRO. He knew that [redacted] was either a member of or associating with individuals belonging to the 7-26-M in Chicago.

[redacted] said he knew BERNARDINO SANCHEZ who was a member of the 7-26-M in Chicago and that SANCHEZ had left for Cuba a couple of weeks ago.

Member of subject organization

He denied having been or being a member of the 7-26-M in Chicago.

Sources familiar with 7-26-M activities in Chicago were unable to furnish any information concerning ARCA.

II. GENERAL ACTIVITIES

On September 25, 1961, a meeting was held at the Russian Cultural Center in Chicago, Illinois. No known members of the July 26th Movement were in attendance although there were approximately 100 to 125 persons there. Three movies were shown; the first movie was on the first year of the Cuban Revolution and depicted the struggle of the young government, the second was a movie of FIDEL CASTRO since he came to power in Cuba, and the third movie showed the Cuban welcome of the Russian astronaut upon his visit to Cuba. There was no indication of an anti-American or pro-Russian theme in any of the three movies but each movie showed only that which appeared to be good in Cuba. There were pamphlets and booklets available, both in Spanish and English which were primarily concerned with propaganda in favor of the present Cuban Government. After the movies an individual gave a short speech and asked that people contribute money in amounts of \$25.00 for the purpose of supporting the 7-26-M in Chicago to pay expenses, the rental of halls and other items. None of the money was to be sent to Cuba for any purpose whatsoever. The amount collected was \$101.00 and some odd cents. There was no stated organizational sponsorship for this meeting.

(CG T-1, 9/25/61)

From July, 1961 to November, 1961, no specific information had been developed that bonds or stamps were sold in Chicago for the 7-26-M.

(CG T-1, 11/24/61)

The last known meeting of the 7-26-M in Chicago was held by BERNARDINO SANCHEZ just prior to the time that he left for Cuba. It is known that SANCHEZ did not tell anyone that he was leaving for Cuba. The individuals who attended the meeting are unknown.

(CG T-2, 11/24/61)

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On December 14, 1961, [] made the statement that many Fidelistas in Chicago held the belief that the 7-26-M in Chicago was being dismembered because all of the leadership had fled to Cuba.

(CG T-2, 12/14/62)

[] has stated there can be no reorganization of the 7-26-M in Chicago until specific orders are received from Cuba regarding reactivation. [] did not elaborate on this.

It was stated that there has been no activity of any kind in the 7-26-M in Chicago since November, 1961.

(CG T-2, 1/10/62)

There have been no known meetings of the 7-26-M in Chicago since the one held by BERNARDINO SANCHEZ just prior to the time he left for Cuba in October, 1961. Details of that meeting are unknown.

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

All actual members of 7-26-M []

[] It is approximately []

[] of which []

[] There are no other identifying features

[] It is supposedly []

[] and is not given to

individuals []

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BERNARDINO SANCHEZ []

[] while he was at work the afternoon of October 13, 1961. Between October 13, 1961, and October 19, 1961, SANCHEZ []

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It was learned that SANCHEZ [redacted] of some [redacted] the afternoon of October 13, 1961. [redacted] are not known. There was no information reflected that SANCHEZ had left any instructions with any member of the 7-26-M concerning the further continuance of the Movement in Chicago.

(CG T-1, 10/23/61)

On October 21, 1961, [redacted] made the statement that [redacted]. He intended to leave [redacted].

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[redacted] stated on October 27, 1961, that [redacted].

[redacted] said that [redacted] BERNARDINO SANCHEZ in Cuba. [redacted] SANCHEZ. [redacted] no city indicated.

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[redacted] said that [redacted] enroute to Cuba.

(CG T-2, 11/13/61)

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On November 10, 1961, it was ascertained that [redacted] had assumed the [redacted] of the 7-26-M in Chicago after [redacted] went to Cuba.

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[redacted] was a former member of the 7-26-M in Chicago, who has since returned to Cuba.

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[redacted] made the statement that he was not interested in the 7-26-M any more.

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[redacted] 7-26-M in Chicago; had completely dropped out of any activity in the Movement inasmuch as he was quite afraid of losing his job and his permanent residence status in the United States. [redacted] had indicated he definitely will [redacted]

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[redacted] has indicated [redacted] from [redacted]

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Chicago, Illinois
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Title	JULY 26TH MOVEMENT OF CHICAGO
Character	INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TITLE OF CASE JULY 26TH MOVEMENT OF CHICAGO		REPORT MADE BY MICHAEL G. SIMON	TYPED BY mak
		CHARACTER OF CASE IS - CUBA; RA - CUBA	<i>0-1 CG 6/26/62 Active Rep in dislocation F2</i>

REFERENCE: Report of SA MICHAEL G. SIMON dated 2/15/62,
at Chicago.

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LEADS

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. 1. Maintain close contact with informants and sources to expeditiously furnish all pertinent data to the Bureau regarding the formation of the new anti-American group in Chicago consisting of the July 26th Movement (7-26-M) and other CASTRO sympathizers.

2. Continue to keep in contact with informants and sources in the Chicago Division in order to ascertain if there is any reactivation of the 7-26-M in Chicago.

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3. Continue to keep in close contact with informants who are in contact with and associate with the adherents of the movement who have remained in Chicago.

4. Continue to be constantly alert to place aggressive knowledgeable informants in important positions within the movement in the event the movement is reactivated at Chicago.

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in Chicago, who is not being directed but information volunteered is being accepted. A current background investigation is being conducted for possible recommendation of consideration of [] under the PSI Program.

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Report of: SA MICHAEL G. SIMON
Date: APRIL 25, 1962

Office: CHICAGO

Field Office File #: 109-12

Bureau File #: 97-3382

Title: JULY 26TH MOVEMENT OF CHICAGO

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis: No known meetings of the July 26th Movement (7-26-M) in Chicago since October, 1961. A meeting was held on 3/31/62, in Chicago by a group of anti-American, Latin Americans for the purpose of setting up a new organization. The group has no name as yet.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On January 30, 1962, [redacted] the July 26th Movement (7-26-M) in Chicago, was overheard to state that there had been no meetings of any 7-26-M in Chicago since October of 1961.

(CG T-1, 1/30/62)

It was determined that there w no known meetings of the 7-26-M in Chicago since October, 1961.

(CG T-2, 2/6/62, 2/20/62
3/2/62, and 3/23/62)

A meeting was held on [redacted] by a group of Latin Americans who were anti-American in sympathy. The group of individuals meeting in Chicago did not have any name as yet. The meeting was to further pro-CASTRO sympathies through propaganda and other means in the Chicago area. There was no indication that violence of any sort would be utilized under any circumstances. There were [redacted] who attended the meeting and possibly [redacted]. The total number of those in attendance [redacted]

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[redacted] July 26th Movement
[redacted] 7-26-M in Chicago, was offered a position in the group but he refused, stating that he would be leaving the United States in the near future. This meeting was held at the home of [redacted] located at [redacted]
There was no definite date established for any subsequent meeting.

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(CG T-1, 4/8/62)

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on March 14, 1962. He advised that he had attended various meetings of the 7-26-M in Chicago since before the BATISTA Government fell in Cuba. The last meeting he recalled attending of the 7-26-M was sometime in late 1960. [] states that his sentiments were now anti-CASTRO and that he has not been in contact with any pro-CASTRO elements for a long period of time.

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Chicago, Illinois
April 25, 1962

Title	JULY 26TH MOVEMENT OF CHICAGO
Character	INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA; REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA
Reference	Report of Special Agent Michael G. Simon dated and captioned as above at Chicago.

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referenced communication have furnished reliable information
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TITLE OF CASE JULY 26TH MOVEMENT OF CHICAGO		REPORT MADE BY WALTER C. ROGERS	TYPED BY BJD
		CHARACTER OF CASE IS - CUBA; RA - CUBA	

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REFERENCE: Report of SA MICHAEL G. SIMON 4/25/62.

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FIELD OFFICES - INFORMATION

One copy of this report is being furnished for information purposes to Miami, New York, Philadelphia and Washington Field in view of their continued interest in this matter and in order to facilitate and coordinate the investigations of the July 26th Movement in these offices.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will maintain close contact with informants and sources so as to be able to advise the Bureau immediate.

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concerning any activity on the part of the July 26th Movement in the Chicago area.

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One copy of this report is being designated locally to the U.S. INS by registered mail in view of its continued interest in the activities of the July 26th Movement and its leaders.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

This report is being classified ~~confidential~~ because data reported by CG T-1 through CG T-5 could reasonably result in the identification of informants of continuing value and compromise their future effectiveness.

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<u>Source</u>	<u>Location</u>
CG T-1 [redacted]	[redacted]
CG T-2 [redacted]	[redacted]
CG T-3 [redacted]	1/3/62 Characterization of JOHN ROSSEN
CG T-4 [redacted]	[redacted]

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the July
26th Movement in Chicago,
who is volunteering information
to the Chicago Division.
Permission has been requested
of the Bureau to contact [REDACTED]
as a PSI, Chicago Division.

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Report of: SA WALTER C. ROGERS
Date: 6-27-62

Office: CHICAGO

Field Office File #: 109-12

Bureau File #: 97-3382

Title: JULY 26TH MOVEMENT OF CHICAGO

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis: Members of July 26th Movement, Chicago, associated with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) and other Latin American groups. No specific meetings held by July 26th Movement. Some former members still plan return to Cuba possibly through Mexico.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR) has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The following organization has not been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450:

b6 The July 26th Movement, hereinafter referred to as
b7C the 7-26-M, is a revolutionary organization founded and led by
b7D FIDEL CASTRO, now Prime Minister of Cuba.

CG T-1 and CG T-2 in the latter part of March, 1962, learned that JOHN ROSSEN [redacted] (FNU) [redacted] identified as [redacted] of the 7-26-M in Chicago, and discussed possibility of a [redacted] Latin-American organizations who are anti-imperialist. The first meeting of this group was to be held at [redacted] home. [redacted]

b6 CG T-1 advised in mid April, 1962, that on [redacted]
b7C [redacted] at the home of [redacted]
b7D [redacted] located at [redacted] Included in the group were representatives from the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC), the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR) and the 7-26-M in Chicago. [redacted] and [redacted] the 7-26-M, identified as the "few remaining members of the July 26th Movement" in Chicago [redacted] himself, and two unidentified Cuban males who were present.

During the meeting [redacted] voiced a willingness [redacted] of anti-imperialist movements in Chicago but stated [redacted] before the end of the year if all [redacted] He asserted that Cuba [redacted] and that if that should happen he would [redacted] immediately because he did not even [redacted] also [redacted] and admitted that [redacted] not out of [redacted] but of his own accord.

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[redacted] objected to the group [redacted]
[redacted] because he claimed that due to careless
handling of [redacted] 7-26-M by Chicago
leaders [redacted] the FBI.

JOHN ROSSEN advised that [redacted]
[redacted] in the Chicago area including
the many progressive minded people among the Mexicans, Puerto
Ricans, Guatemalans, Cubans, etc. He [redacted]
[redacted] or otherwise, to any group which might be organized.

JOHN ROSSEN

As of January 3, 1962, JOHN ROSSEN was Chairman of
the Chicago Chapter, Fair Play for Cuba Committee,
the Midwest representative of the FPCC and a member of
the National Advisory Council of the FPCC.

(CG T-3, 1/3/62)

Characterization of the FPCC is located
in the appendix section of this report.

CG T-4 on May 8, 18, 24, June 6, 14, 19 and 21, 1962,
advised that there has been no organizational activity on the
part of the 7-26-M in the Chicago area since April, 1962. No
meetings have been held by the 7-26-M although some individual
members maintain a sympathetic attitude towards the FIDEL CASTRO
regime.

On June 21, 1962, CG T-5 reported that [redacted]
[redacted] was at the Fuentes Market at Division and Spaulding Streets
on June 20, 1962, distributing handbills to individuals in the
store. [redacted] the 7-26-M in Chicago,
advised that the meeting would be a legal meeting, that permission
had been obtained to hold the meeting and that even though the
FBI might be present there was nothing to fear except the possible
attempt of reactionary groups to break up the meeting. [redacted]
was distributing handbills which read "WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CUBA
TODAY? A Discussion Friday, June 22, 8:00 PM, at Curtis Hall,
Fine Arts Building, 410 South Michigan Boulevard, auspices:
Fair Play for Cuba Committee."

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[] advised that there was still a group of Cubans sympathetic to the CASTRO regime who were planning to return to Cuba by way of Canada or Mexico. [] advised that there was still room for an additional number of Cubans to leave but declined to furnish the names of those planning to depart or the proposed date of their departure. [] asserted that it was now more difficult for the Cubans to leave from the United States by way of Canada due to a more strict vigilance by Canadian and American immigration officers. When it appeared that pro-CASTRO Cubans might be leaving the United States for Cuba by way of Canada, alien identification cards in the possession of the Cubans were picked up. For this reason [] stated some were contemplating leaving the United States through Mexico where they believe it would be easier to cross the border without having to surrender their identification cards. This would facilitate their return to the United States should they desire to come to this country again.

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[] asserted that no meetings had been held by the 7-26-M in the past month in the Chicago area, however, he anticipated that some propaganda film would soon be available which would be shown to members of the FPCC and the 7-26-M. This propaganda would include documentary film showing alleged progress by the revolutionary government in Cuba and would also attempt to explain to the Cubans in the United States why it was important to remain in this country where they could tell the truth about the Cuban revolution and explain the progress being made in Cuba by the revolutionary government.

FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE
CHICAGO CHAPTER

The mailing address for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC), Chicago Chapter, is Post Office Box 4474, Chicago 80, Illinois.

A source advised in October, 1960, that the Chicago Chapter of the FPCC was formed during the summer of 1960 at Chicago, Illinois, under the direct guidance and leadership of RICHARD CRILEY, a member of the State Committee, Communist Party (CP) of Illinois.

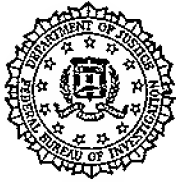
A second source in August, 1960, furnished a leaflet entitled, "What Is Really Happening in Cuba?" distributed by the FPCC, Post Office Box 4555, Chicago 80, Illinois. The aims and purposes of the FPCC as set forth in this leaflet include the following: "To disseminate the truth, to combat untruth; to publish and distribute factual information which the United States mass media suppresses. In general, to contribute to foundations for peace, friendship, and understanding between ourselves and the Cuban people." The leaflets reflects the FPCC plans to accomplish these aims: "By mailing of informational bulletins; organizing public meetings and forums; providing speakers, movies, and slides for meetings of interested organizations, placing ads in newspapers; to visit Cuba and see for themselves what conditions really are."

The first source added that at a meeting of the Chicago Chapter, FPCC, held in Chicago on July 28, 1960, it was mentioned that the membership dues in the FPCC were \$5 per year, and it was decided by those present at the meeting that payment of the \$5 dues would entitle one to dual membership in the national organization as well as the Chicago Chapter.

A third source advised that as of May, 1961, this Committee continued to exist, with the same aims and purposes, but under the direction and leadership of former communists, members of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), and others who are pro-CASTRO supporters.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (109-12) (P)
SUBJECT: JULY 26TH MOVEMENT OF CHICAGO
IS - CUBA
RA - CUBA

DATE: 8/31/62

Re report of SA WALTER C. ROGERS dated 6/27/62.

Regular contact has been maintained by the Chicago Division with informants and sources of information acquainted with the July 26th Movement in Chicago. Also, interviews have been made with individuals identified as members of the July 26th Movement. Informants, sources and members agree that there has been no activity on the part of the July 26th Movement in the Chicago area since submission of referenced report. They have also reported that the former members have been only half-hearted in their support of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

In view of the lack of activity on the part of the July 26th Movement in the Chicago Division, a purely status report is not being submitted at this time but will be submitted by October 20, 1962.

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REFERENCES: Report of SA WALTER C. ROGERS dated 6/27/62 at Chicago.
Chicago letter to the Bureau dated 8/31/62.

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CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Maintain close contact with informants and sources in Cuban matters and advise the Bureau immediately concerning any activity on the part of the July 26th Movement.

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Field Office File #: 109-12

Bureau File #: 97-3382

Title: JULY 26TH MOVEMENT
OF CHICAGO

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA;
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Synopsis: July 26th Movement in Chicago inactive. Continues cooperation with Fair Play for Cuba Committee and Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico. Propaganda expected by July 26th Movement not received.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR) has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The following organization has not been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450:

The July 26th Movement (7/26M) is a revolutionary organization founded and directed by FIDEL CASTRO, Prime Minister of Cuba.

In mid June, 1962, CG T-1 advised that the 7/26M in Chicago was completely inactive during the month of June, 1962, although some of the members continued to meet socially and to play cards together.

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In the latter part of June, 1962, CG T-2 reported that [redacted] *July 26th Movement* the 7/26M in Chicago, asserted that the 7/26M contemplates [redacted] in the Chicago area in the near future. [redacted] would be [redacted] the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) and to Cubans sympathetic with the 7/26M. He claimed that the [redacted] would show the progress made in Cuba as a result of the CASTRO-led revolution, and would emphasize the necessity for Cubans sympathetic to the revolution remaining in the United States in order to tell the American people the truth about the Cuban Revolution. CG T-2 advised that otherwise, the 7/26M in Chicago was completely inactive.

The FPCC is characterized in the appendix section of this report.

CG T-3 advised in the early part of June that on [redacted] a meeting of the NPPR was held [redacted], under the name of [redacted]

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Movimiento Pro-Liberacion Nacional Puertorriquena (MPLNP).
The name MPLNP [redacted]
of the NPPR.

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[redacted], described [redacted]
7/26M in Chicago, [redacted] of the 7/26M attended
this meeting. [redacted] stated that [redacted]
[redacted] the NPPR [redacted],
saying that he [redacted]
[redacted] independence of Puerto Rico.
[redacted] stated [redacted] of the 7/26M had
[redacted], and that [redacted] are not active
because of pressure put on them by the Federal Bureau of
Investigation forcing them to register as agents of a
foreign government. CG T-3 also reported that [redacted]
[redacted] to the NPPR,
and felt that other Cubans would also support the NPPR
in its fund raising campaign.

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In the fore part of August, 1962, CG T-2 advised
that on [redacted] was extending
invitations [redacted] Chicago area to attend a
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[redacted] under the auspices of the FPCC. The purpose of
[redacted] FPCC. [redacted]
[redacted] by his fellow Cubans to
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CG T-2 also reported that on [redacted]
[redacted] that the day before because [redacted]
[redacted] sponsored by the FPCC.

CG T-2 also reported that on [redacted]
[redacted] United States Government
[redacted] He reported that the
7/26M in Chicago [redacted]
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Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. [redacted] the 7/26M members [redacted] Cuba, according to [redacted].

CG T-2 reported that [redacted] that the [redacted] in Chicago from Cuba by way of Canada or Mexico [redacted] an unnamed point and time. [redacted] seemed very disturbed that [redacted] would not be available [redacted] the Chicago area.

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In the early part of August, 1962, CG T-1 reported that the 7/26M is unorganized and inactive in Chicago, and that no meetings or activities had been held in July or the first part of August, 1962. He reported that the only pro-Cuban activity in the Chicago area was being carried on by the FPCC which is directed by non-Cubans.

On October 1, 1962, CG T-2 reported that [redacted] commented on [redacted] that the 7/26M was practically dead in Chicago, and that there had been no meetings or activities in the Chicago area for several months. CG T-2 reported that the former members of the 7/26M were dispersed and were not meeting together regularly.

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During the latter part of October, 1962, CG T-2 advised that on [redacted] again asserted that the 7/26M was completely inactive. [redacted] did not know the location of some former members of the 7/26M, but did state that former member, [redacted] had [redacted] from a brief trip [redacted] and was again at home.

On July 31, 1962, [redacted] advised SAs [redacted] that he has been a member of the 7/26M and still has contact on a regular basis with [redacted] but not with the other members of the 7/26M. [redacted]

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asserted that there has been no activity on the part of the 7/26M since the fall of 1961. He added that his only recent activity has been attending functions of the FPCC.

On July 16, 1962, [redacted]

[redacted] advised SAs [redacted] and [redacted] that in 1957 and 1958, he had attended functions of the 7/26M on numerous occasions but has not attended any such meetings since January 1, 1960. However, since that time, he has never attended meetings of the 7/26M although he did for awhile attend meetings of the FPCC and contributed small amounts to the FPCC without actually becoming a member of this organization. He disclaimed having any information concerning the 7/26M at the present time.

On August 30, 1962, [redacted]

[redacted] admitted former activity in the 7/26M from 1958 until the fall of the BATISTA regime. As late as the fall of 1960, [redacted] sponsored by the 7/26M, but disclaimed knowledge concerning any activity on the part of the 7/26M since that time. [redacted] made these admissions to SAs [redacted] and [redacted].

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APPENDIXFAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE,
CHICAGO CHAPTER

A source advised on May 11, 1962, that the mailing address for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC), Chicago Chapter, is Post Office Box 4474, Chicago 80, Illinois.

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A third source in August, 1960, furnished a leaflet entitled, "What Is Really Happening in Cuba?," distributed by the FPCC, Post Office Box 4555, Chicago 80, Illinois. The aims and purposes of the FPCC as set forth in this leaflet include the following: "To disseminate the truth, to combat untruth; to publish and distribute factual information which the United States mass media suppresses. In general, to contribute to foundations for peace, friendship, and understanding between ourselves and the Cuban people." The leaflet reflects the FPCC plans to accomplish these aims: "By mailing of informational bulletins; organizing public meetings and forums; providing speakers, movies, and slides for meetings of interested organizations, placing ads in newspapers; to visit Cuba and see for themselves what conditions really are."

A fourth source advised that as of May 7, 1962, this Committee continued to exist, with the same aims and purposes, but under the direction and leadership of former communists, communist sympathizers, members of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), and others who are pro-CASTRO supporters.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The April 6, 1960, edition of "The New York Times" newspaper contains a full page advertisement captioned "What Is Really Happening in Cuba," placed by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). This advertisement announced the formation of the FPCC in New York City and declared the FPCC intended to promulgate "the truth about revolutionary Cuba" to neutralize the distorted American press.

"The New York Times" edition of January 11, 1961, reported that at a hearing conducted before the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on January 10, 1961, Dr. CHARLES A. SANTOS-BUCH identified himself and ROBERT TABER as organizers of the FPCC. He also testified he and TABER obtained funds from the Cuban Government which were applied toward the cost of the aforementioned advertisement.

On October 3, 1960, a source advised that the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) in New York had become active in the FPCC, and that SWP members, in a FPCC election, had been able to remove several Communist Party (CP) members who were on the Executive Board of the FPCC and gain control of the organization.

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A second source advised that an announcement from National Headquarters of the SWP was made on September 24, 1961, to the effect [redacted] in the FPCC headquarters and was trying to break the SWP influence in the FPCC.

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Column 2, page 8, of the February 22, 1962, edition of "The New York Times" contains an article captioned, "Castro Backer Resigns," which announced that ROBERT TABER had resigned as Executive Secretary of the FPCC and as President of the Institute for the Improvement of Inter-American Relations, Inc., which had organized the FPCC in April, 1960.

On May 17, 1962, a third source advised that National Headquarters of the FPCC is located in Room 329 at 799 Broadway, New York City, and that the FPCC is operating under the direction of [redacted] of the FPCC.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Title	JULY 26TH MOVEMENT OF CHICAGO
Character	INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA; REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA
Reference	Report of Special Agent Walter C. Rogers dated and captioned as above at Chicago, Illinois.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-3243)

DATE: 12/20/62

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (109-12)(P)

SUBJECT: ~~JULY 26TH MOVEMENT OF CHICAGO~~
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① July TWO SIX CLUB OF CHICAGO

Re report of SA WALTER C. ROGERS dated 10/29/62
at Chicago.

The Chicago Division has maintained regular contact with sources of information acquainted with the July 26th Movement in Chicago and in addition has interviewed many individuals formerly identified with the July 26th Movement. All agree that there has been no recent activity on the part of the July 26th Movement in the Chicago area since the submission of referenced report.

In view of the lack of activity on the part of the July 26th Movement in the Chicago Division, a purely status report is not being submitted at this time but will be submitted by February 21, 1963, UACB.

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